

necessary and that therefore we could dispense with it altogether in this case.

The work we have before us is extensive. It includes the final examination and adoption of the preamble and 12 articles of the draft convention, the consideration of an article submitted by the delegation of Jamaica, and an amendment to Article VI passed to us by the Economic and Social Council. Further, we have draft implementation articles, proposed by the sub-commission on the prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities, and some slightly different proposals for implementation submitted by the delegations of India, Nigeria, Pakistan, UAR and Upper Volta.

If the Third Committee follows its usual procedure, of holding first a general debate and then a debate on each of the articles, followed by a general debate on the types of implementation articles which should be added to the draft convention and finally engages in a debate on each phrase of each implementation article, this Committee could easily spend a month in the effort to bring this draft convention to the point of adoption. We would then have very little time left to discuss several other very important questions, such as the world social situation, the creation of a High Commissioner for Human Rights, Capital Punishment and war criminals--all items to which this Committee must also give thoughtful consideration before the end of the 22nd session of the General Assembly. We could of course postpone consideration of those items with which we were unable to deal. But, my delegation believes that the Third Committee has indulged itself in this manner at too many previous sessions of the Assembly. An attempt at self-discipline should be made. My delegation therefore warmly welcomes and supports whole-heartedly the proposal to establish a working group tabled by the distinguished delegate of New Zealand. In the view of my delegation this Committee could hold a full general debate on the draft convention, in which delegations would have ample opportunity to express their views on each of the articles of substance, discuss the type of implementation articles they would like to see, and make specific suggestions for amendments to whichever of the two sets of draft implementation articles they feel most acceptable.

At that stage--at the point at which the Committee has clearly indicated the direction a working group should take--my delegation hopes it would be possible for this Committee to appoint such a working group which would take the various amendments, sub-amendments and sub-sub-amendments in hand, and produce, insofar as is possible, a text of implementation articles for this draft convention, including in square brackets those aspects on which agreement was