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on the Third (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural)
Committee on Friday, October 21, 1960.

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman:

In my statement on Monday, I reserved my right to comment on the draft resolution on low-cost housing. I have not exercised that right until now since it was my expectation that some substantial amendments might be made to it. I should now like to give my Delegation's position on this important resolution.

It is my Delegation's belief that in United Nations activities, housing and community facilities should have great emphasis, and that United Nations action should complement the activities of Member States concerned in reviewing their housing requirements and utilizing their own material and financial resources.

We shall, therefore, support this draft resolution as amended on the suggestion of the distinguished Delegate of the United States. That amendment reflects the need for ECOSOC in its investigation of the question of financing to take into account the financial resources available in the countries concerned, and not only the possibilities of international financing. As regards this latter, it is our understanding that the co-sponsors do not contemplate the establishment of any new international financing programme but that they wish to have ECOSOC investigate possibilities for deriving appropriate financial support from existing