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The CHAIRMAN: As no other representative wishes to explain his vote before the voting, the Committee will now proceed to vote on the draft resolution contained in document A/AC.109/L.837. A vote by roll call has been requested by the delegation of Iraq.

A vote was taken by roll call.

Venezuela, having been drawn by lot by the Chairman, was called upon to vote first.

In favour: Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, China, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, India, Iraq, Mali, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania

Against: None

Abstaining: Venezuela, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Fiji, Indonesia, Iran, Ivory Coast, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia

The draft resolution was adopted by 12 votes to none, with 10 abstentions.

The CHAIRMAN: I shall now call on those representatives who have asked to be allowed to explain their vote after the voting.

Mr. SHEHIRANI (Iran): My delegation had the opportunity briefly to state its position on this question the first day it was discussed. I stated that this question had been discussed several times in the past in the General Assembly and in the Fourth Committee and that decisions had been taken on it. On the most recent occasion, the General Committee decided not to put the question of Puerto Rico on the agenda of the General Assembly, and that decision was confirmed by the General Assembly. My delegation was one of the delegations that supported that decision of the General Assembly.