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THIRD COMMITTEE

DELEGATION OF LEBANON: DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE
TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE CLASSICS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recognizing that the translation of the world's classics into the languages of the Members of the United Nations will promote understanding and peace among nations by the creation of a community of culture in which the peoples of all nations may participate,

Recognizing that the responsibility for the accomplishment of this task on a universal scale rests with the United Nations,

1. Decides to refer this question to the Economic and Social Council for study in consultation with UNESCO and for recommendation to the next session of the Assembly.
2. Asks the Economic and Social Council to report on the cost of such a project and make recommendations as to its distribution among the Members of the United Nations.
3. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council the following principles to be considered in its study of this question:
 - (a) That the translation of the classics is a project of international concern and of great significance for the promotion of international cultural co-operation;
 - (b) That certain nations do not have sufficient facilities and resources for the authentic translation of numerous classics into their languages;

(c) That such translation is greatly conducive to their cultural development;

((d) that therefore

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..(d) That therefore it is the duty of the United Nations to assist them in this task; and

(e) That the definition of classics should not be limited by reference to any particular culture but should include products of all nations or cultures which are deemed by the highest authorities to have universal significance and permanent value.