

## Small report on 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee – 1 Nov 2022

Yesterday I listened to the morning and afternoon sessions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee. There were three different areas of discussion.

1. Special rapporteur on the Working Group on **Mercenaries**.

Here people were complaining about armed contractors defending ships against piracy. They want to criminalise this activity, another insane action by the UN. Piracy should be exterminated, but it's not our issue.

2. **Racism**, Doc A/77/233

The Holy See did their usual excellent intervention and mentioned the importance of the family. The Nuncio did great job. Then there were many countries banging on about the Atlantic slave trade. No mention that Britain stopped this trade. Also, no mention of the Barbary pirates and the Ottomans enslaving Europeans.

The USA criticised China for the Xinjiang internment camps for Muslim Uyghurs (about 2 million in camps and half a million children in boarding schools). There are about 50 countries in this group critical of China.

In response China gave a very vitriolic reply to the US. Apparently, Canada just had a side event on this issue. China has 66 countries supporting them.

North Korea gave a poisonous intervention claiming that American police shot 2,500 black people last year. (Official figures are 177 black people and 302 white people)

Only one NGO got to speak – The International organisation for Migration.

Nothing much on life of family etc.

3. High Commissioner for **Refugees & Displaced persons**

Mr Filippo Grandi the High Commissioner gave a summary of his reports.

They are A77/12, A77/12Add1, & A77/313

There are now 103 millions refugees, climate change is being blamed for some of this which I find ridiculous.

Sweden mentioned **SOGI** once, they cannot help themselves.

Canada said the acceptance of Ukrainian refugees was excellent and should become the norm. The High Commissioner agreed but this will not happen.

Russia is in a group of countries , (Venezuela is with them ), the group being the Friends of the UN Charter. Russia mentioned the Nationalist Kiev Regime. All very sad.

Nothing much on our issues.

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