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Chairman: Mr. FAKHREDDINE Mohamed (Sudan).

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GENERAL DEBATE (CONTINUED) AND CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.4/L.833

1. Mr. DIALLO Seydou (Guinea), introducing draft resolution A/C.4/L.833, said that the Afro-Asian group had carefully examined the recommendations which the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries

and Peoples had made concerning Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland in its report (A/6300/Rev.1, chap. VII). The group had sought to draft a text that would express the views of all the members of the Fourth Committee. There were no new elements in the draft resolution; it drew attention to the difficult economic situation that the Territories would face upon their attainment of independence and to their urgent need for United Nations assistance. He urged all members of the Committee to support the draft resolution.

2. Mr. ESFANDIARY (Iran), speaking as one of the sponsors, supported the draft resolution. Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland were either completely or largely surrounded by the Republic of South Africa, a country which had never concealed its expansionist intentions. Moreover, the three Territories were highly vulnerable to economic pressure from South Africa. The Special Committee had therefore considered that steps should be taken to ensure the territorial integrity and political independence of the Territories after they became sovereign States. The Sub-Committee on Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland had carefully examined the matter and the recommendations which it had made to the Special Committee (A/6300/Rev.1, chap. VII, appendix III, para. 14) formed the basis of the draft resolution under consideration. The fundamental provision of the draft resolution was operative paragraph 2, which was designed to provide a guarantee for the territorial integrity, independence and economic viability of the Territories. There was nothing unacceptable to members in the draft resolution and he hoped that it would be adopted unanimously.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.