

ANNEX TO THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SLAVERY CONVENTION SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 25 SEPTEMBER 1926

In *article 7* "the Secretary-General of the United Nations" shall be substituted for "the Secretary-General of the League of Nations".

In *article 8* "the International Court of Justice" shall be substituted for "the Permanent Court of International Justice", and "the Statute of the International Court of Justice" shall be substituted for "the Protocol of December 16th, 1920, relating to the Permanent Court of International Justice".

In the first and second paragraphs of *article 10* "the United Nations" shall be substituted for "the League of Nations".

The last three paragraphs of *article 11* shall be deleted and the following substituted:

"The present Convention shall be open to accession by all States, including States which are not Members of the United Nations, to which the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall have communicated a certified copy of the Convention.

"Accession shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall give notice thereof to all States Parties to the Convention and to all other States contemplated in the present article, informing them of the date on which each such instrument of accession was received in deposit."

In *article 12* "the United Nations" shall be substituted for "the League of Nations".

795 (VIII). Appeal to States to accelerate their ratifications of, or accessions to, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and measures designed to ensure the widest possible diffusion of the nature, contents and purposes of the Convention

The General Assembly,

Considering its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948, by which it approved the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and believing that the Convention represents a valuable contribution to the development of international law,

1. *Reiterates* its appeal to States to accelerate their ratifications of, or accessions to, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take all necessary measures designed to ensure the widest possible diffusion of the nature, contents and purposes of the Convention.

*455th plenary meeting,
3 November 1953.*

796 (VIII). Publication of documents concerning the drafting and application of the Charter: Preparatory work with regard to the possible holding of a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations in accordance with Article 109 of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of Article 109 of the Charter under which a proposal to hold a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations for the purpose of reviewing the Charter is to be placed on the agenda of the tenth annual session of the General Assembly if such a conference has not been held before that session,

Considering that the examination of such a proposal will require considerable preparation on the part of both the Secretary-General and Member States,

Considering that study of the legislative history of the Charter and of the practice followed by the various organs of the United Nations is one of the best methods of acquiring knowledge of the Charter and will greatly facilitate the General Assembly's consideration, at its tenth annual session, of the question of calling a General Conference,

Having regard to the memorandum by the Secretary-General,⁴

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, publish and circulate among the Member States during 1954, or shortly thereafter:

(a) A systematic compilation of the documents of the United Nations Conference on International Organization not yet published;

(b) A complete index of the documents of that Conference on the lines envisaged in part II and part III C of the memorandum by the Secretary-General;

(c) A repertory of the practice of United Nations organs appropriately indexed.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

797 (VIII). Arbitral procedure

The General Assembly,

Noting the draft⁵ on arbitral procedure prepared by the International Law Commission at its fifth session,

Considering that the said draft includes certain important elements with respect to the progressive development of international law on arbitral procedure,

Considering that, having regard to the importance of the topic, the governments of Member States should have an opportunity of making known their views on the draft on arbitral procedure in the light of the discussion which has taken place at the current session of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to transmit to Member States the draft on arbitral procedure prepared by the International Law Commission together with the observations made thereon in the Sixth Committee at the current session of the General Assembly, with a view to the submission by governments of whatever comments they may deem appropriate, if possible, before 1 January 1955;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate to Member States any comments he may receive, and to include the question in the provisional agenda of the tenth session of the General Assembly.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

798 (VIII). Régime of the high seas

The General Assembly,

Considering that at its fourth session the General Assembly recommended⁶ that the International Law Commission study simultaneously the régime of the high seas and the régime of territorial waters,

⁴ See document A/C.6/343.

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 9, page 9.*

⁶ See resolution 374(IV).

Having regard to the fact that the problems relating to the high seas, territorial waters, contiguous zones, the continental shelf and the superjacent waters are closely linked together juridically as well as physically,

Decides not to deal with any aspect of the régime of the high seas or of the régime of territorial waters until all the problems involved have been studied by the International Law Commission and reported upon by it to the General Assembly.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

799 (VIII). Request for the codification of the principles of international law governing State responsibility

The General Assembly,

Considering that it is desirable for the maintenance and development of peaceful relations between States

that the principles of international law governing State responsibility be codified,

Noting that the International Law Commission at its first session included⁷ the topic "State responsibility" in its provisional list of topics of international law selected for codification,

Requests the International Law Commission, as soon as it considers it advisable, to undertake the codification of the principles of international law governing State responsibility.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourth Session, Supplement No. 10*, para. 16.