

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.

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