

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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1504 (XV). Report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its twelfth session

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its twelfth session,¹

Considering that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1450 (XIV) of 7 December 1959, an international conference of plenipotentiaries has been convoked and is to be held at Vienna in the spring of 1961 to consider the question of diplomatic intercourse and immunities,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work accomplished by the International Law Commission at its twelfth session and its hope that work on the topic entitled "Consular intercourse and immunities" will be completed in time for consideration by the Sixth Committee at the sixteenth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* that the draft articles on special missions contained in chapter III of the said report should be referred to the United Nations Conference on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities to be held at Vienna in 1961, so that they may be considered together with the draft articles on diplomatic intercourse and immunities adopted by the International Law Commission at its tenth session.²

*943rd plenary meeting,
12 December 1960.*

1505 (XV). Future work in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/4425).*

² *Ibid., Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/3859 and Corr.1), para. 53.*

Considering that the conditions prevailing in the world today give increased importance to the role of international law—and its strict and undeviating observance by all Governments—in strengthening international peace, developing friendly and co-operative relations among the nations, settling disputes by peaceful means and advancing economic and social progress throughout the world,

Recalling its resolutions 1236 (XII) of 14 December 1957 and 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958,

Mindful of Article 13, paragraph 1, of the Charter of the United Nations, which provides that the General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification,

Considering the extent of the progress made by the International Law Commission in the codification of topics listed in paragraph 16 of the report covering its first session,³

Expressing its appreciation to the Commission for the work it has accomplished in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law,

Considering that many new trends in the field of international relations have an impact on the development of international law,

Considering that it is desirable to survey the present state of international law, with a view to ascertaining whether new topics susceptible of codification or conducive to progressive development have arisen, whether priority should be given to any of the topics already included in the Commission's list or whether a broader approach may be called for in the consideration of any of these topics,

Deeming it necessary therefore to reconsider the Commission's programme of work in the light of recent developments in international law and with due regard to the need for promoting friendly relations and co-operation among States,

1. *Decides* to place the question entitled "Future work in the field of the codification and progressive development of international law" on the provisional

³ *Ibid., Fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/925).*

agenda of its sixteenth session in order to study and survey the whole field of international law and make necessary suggestions with regard to the preparation of a new list of topics for codification and for the progressive development of international law;

2. *Invites* Member States to submit in writing to the Secretary-General, before 1 July 1961, any views or suggestions they may have on this question for consideration by the General Assembly.

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1506 (XV). Question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1451 (XIV) of 7 December 1959 by which it decided that a United Nations juridical yearbook which would include documentary materials

of a legal character relating to the United Nations should be published,

Considering that encouragement of the development of international law and of compliance therewith are essential functions of the United Nations and that the publication of the said yearbook should constitute a useful measure to that end,

Taking into account that, in the light of the discussion in the Sixth Committee, further study is required on the form and contents of the proposed yearbook and on the financial implications of its publication,

1. *Decides* to place the question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook on the provisional agenda of its seventeenth session;

2. *Invites* Member States to submit to the Secretary-General, not later than 1 June 1962, written comments or observations on the form and contents of the proposed yearbook.

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12 December 1960.*