

2045 (XX). Reports of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions,²

Recalling resolution 1902 (XVIII) of 18 November 1963 by which the General Assembly recommended that the International Law Commission should continue its work of codification and progressive development of the law of treaties and its work on State responsibility, succession of States and Governments, special missions and relations between States and inter-governmental organizations,

Emphasizing the need for further codification and progressive development of international law with a view to making it a more effective means of implementing the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the work of codification of the topics of the law of treaties and of special missions has reached an advanced stage,

Noting with approval that the International Law Commission has proposed to hold a four-week series of meetings in January 1966 and has asked to reserve the possibility of a two-week extension of its summer session in 1966, in order to enable it to complete its draft articles on the law of treaties and on special missions before the end of the term of office of its present members,

Noting with appreciation that the European Office of the United Nations organized in May 1965, during the seventeenth session of the International Law Commission, a Seminar on International Law for advanced students and young government officials responsible in their respective countries for dealing with questions of international law,

Noting that the Seminar was well organized and functioned to the satisfaction of all,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the International Law Commission for the work it has accomplished;

3. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission should:

(a) Continue the work of codification and progressive development of the law of treaties and of special missions, taking into account the views expressed at the twentieth session of the General Assembly and the comments which may be submitted by Governments, with the object of presenting final drafts on those topics in the report on the work of its eighteenth session, to be held in 1966;

(b) Continue, when possible, its work on State responsibility, succession of States and Governments and relations between States and inter-governmental organizations, taking into account the views and considerations referred to in General Assembly resolution 1902 (XVIII);

4. *Expresses the wish* that, in conjunction with future sessions of the International Law Commission,

other seminars be organized which should ensure the participation of a reasonable number of nationals from the developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussions at the twentieth session of the General Assembly on the reports of the Commission;

(b) To transmit to Governments at least one month before the opening of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly the final drafts prepared by the International Law Commission up to that time, and in particular the draft articles on the law of treaties.

*1391st plenary meeting,
8 December 1965.*

2046 (XX). Amendments to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly consequent upon the entry into force of the amendments to Articles 23, 27 and 61 of the Charter of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly,

Noting that the amendments to Article 27 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 1991 A (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, came into force on 31 August 1965.

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with rule 140 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the terms of office of the non-permanent members of the Security Council elected during the twentieth session, including all the additional members, will begin on 1 January 1966,

Decides, with effect from 1 January 1966, to amend rule 8 (b) of its rules of procedure by replacing the word "seven" by the word "nine".

*1391st plenary meeting,
8 December 1965.*

B

The General Assembly,

Noting that the amendments to Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 1991 A (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, came into force on 31 August 1965,

Bearing in mind that in the election of non-permanent members of the Security Council at the twentieth session of the General Assembly effect must be given to the increase in the membership of the Council and to the transitional provisions regarding terms of office provided in Article 23 of the Charter as amended, and that rule 143 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, as amended by the present resolution, will apply for the first time at the election to be held at the twenty-first session.

Decides, with effect from 1 January 1966, to amend rule 143 of its rules of procedure by replacing the word "three" by the word "five".

*1391st plenary meeting,
8 December 1965.*

C

The General Assembly,

Noting that the amendments to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General

²*Ibid.*, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/5809); *ibid.*, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/6009).