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2400 (XXIII). Report of the International Law Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twentieth session,[1]

Recalling its resolutions 1686 (XVI) of 18 December 1961, 1765 (XVII) of 20 November 1962, 1902 (XVIII) of 18 November 1963, 2045 (XX) of 8 December 1965, 2167 (XXI) of 5 December 1966 and 2272 (XXII) of 1 December 1967, by which it recommended that the International Law Commission should continue its work of codification and progressive development of the law of succession of States and Governments and relations between States and intergovernmental organizations, expedite the study of State responsibility, study the most-favoured-nation clause and carry out a review of its programme and methods of work,

Emphasizing the need for the further codification and progressive development of international law in order to make 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 and to give increased importance to its role in relations among nations,

Noting with appreciation that the United Nations Office at Geneva organized in July 1968, during the twentieth session of the International Law Commission, a fourth session of the Seminar on International Law and that more scholarships in the Seminar were made available for participants from developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twentieth session;

2. *Expresses its profound appreciation* to the International Law Commission of the valuable work it has accomplished during the past twenty years in the progressive development and codification of international law;

3. *Notes with approval* the programme and organization of work planned by the International Law Commission, including the preparation, in accordance with article 18 of its Statute, of the new survey of the whole field of international law referred to in paragraph 99 of the Commission's report, but, with respect to the Commission's wish to reserve the possibility of a winter session in 1970, decides to defer a final decision until its twenty-fourth session;

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

(*a*) Continue its work on succession of States and Governments and relations between States and international organizations, taking into account the views and considerations referred to in General Assembly resolutions 1765 (XVII) and 1902 (XVIII);

(*b*) Continue its study of the most-favoured-nation clause;

(*c*) Make every effort to begin substantive work on State responsibility as from its next session, taking into account the views and considerations referred to in General Assembly resolutions 1765 (XVII) and 1902 (XVIII);

5. *Expresses the wish* that, in conjunction with future sessions of the International Law Commission, other seminars might be organized, which should continue to ensure the participation of an increasing number of nationals of developing countries;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 9* (A/7209/Rev.1).

6. *Notes* that the Secretary-General has under study the questions raised in paragraphs 98 (*b*) and 98 (*c*) of the report of the International Law Commission;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussions on the Commission's report at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

1738th plenary meeting,
11 December 1968.

2419 (XXIII). Draft Convention on Special Missions

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Draft Convention on Special Missions",

Noting that it has not been possible for the General Assembly, in the time available at its twenty-third session, to complete the text of the Convention on Special Missions,

1. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session the item entitled "Draft Convention on Special Missions" with a view to the adoption of the Convention by the General Assembly at that session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the presence of the Special Rapporteur on Special Missions as an expert during the debates on the topic at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

1746th plenary meeting,
18 December 1968.

2420 (XXIII). Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression,[2]

Taking note of the progress made by the Special Committee in its consideration of the question of defining aggression and on the draft definition, as reflected in the report of the Special Committee,

Considering that it was not possible for the Special Committee to complete its consideration of the question of defining aggression and of the draft definition before the end of 1968,

Considering that in its resolution 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 the General Assembly recognized the widespread conviction of the need to expedite the definition of aggression,

1. *Decides* that the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII), as early as possible in 1969;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session an item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression".

1746th plenary meeting,
18 December 1968.

[2] *Ibid., Twenty-third Session,* agenda item 86, document A/7185/Rev.1.

2421 (XXIII). Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session,[3]

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined its object and terms of reference,

Noting the chapter of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its seventh session[4] concerning the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session, and noting further that the Board expressed its appreciation of the Commission's report and commended the Commission for its programme of work,

Endorsing the statement in which the Trade and Development Board[5] emphasized that the needs of developing countries should receive adequate attention in the programme of work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and stressed the importance of co-operation between the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Commission at the intergovernmental and secretariat levels,

Bearing in mind the wish expressed by many members of the Trade and Development Board at its seventh session that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should add international shipping legislation to its list of priority topics[6] and also bearing in mind the activities of other agencies active in this field,

Noting with satisfaction that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law intends to carry out its work in co-operation with organs and organizations concerned with the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law and that such co-operation has already been initiated,

Convinced that the harmonization and unification of international trade law, in reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade, would significantly contribute to economic co-operation between countries and, thereby, to their well-being,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the financial and administrative implications of the establishment of a register of organizations and a register of texts in the field of international trade law,[7]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session;

2. *Notes with approval* the programme of work established by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a register of organizations in accordance with directives laid down by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

4. *Approves* in principle the proposal to establish a register of the international instruments and other documents referred to in chapter V of the report of

[3] *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/7216).
[4] *Ibid., Supplement No. 14* (A/7214), part two, chapter VII.
[5] *Ibid.,* para. 165.
[6] *Ibid.,* para. 74.
[7] *Ibid., Twenty-third Session, Annexes,* agenda item 88, document A/C.6/L.648; A/C.6/L.648/Add.1.