

ber 1970, 2968 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and 3349 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 2925 (XXVII) of 27 November 1972, 3073 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973 and 3282 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations,

*Recalling especially* resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which the General Assembly established the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization,

*Having considered* the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization,<sup>8</sup>

*Considering* that the Special Committee has not completed the mandate given to it,

*Reaffirming* its support for the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization;

2. *Decides* that the Special Committee should continue its work in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution 3499 (XXX);

3. *Invites* Governments to submit, or to bring up to date, their observations and proposals in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3499 (XXX);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all assistance to the Special Committee, including the preparation of summary records of its meetings;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".

*81st plenary meeting*  
29 November 1976

### 31/76. Implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>9</sup> on the implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961,<sup>10</sup>

*Noting* that since the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 3501 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 the number of States parties to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 has increased,

*Concerned* at continuing instances of violations of the rules of diplomatic law relating, in particular, to the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier,

*Recognizing* the advisability of studying the question of the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier in the light of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961,

*Considering* it desirable that the General Assembly should periodically consider at its sessions the question of implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961,

1. *Urges* States which have not yet done so to become parties to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961;

2. *Reaffirms* the need for strict implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 in the interest of maintaining normal relations between them, strengthening international peace and security and developing international co-operation;

3. *Invites* Member States to submit or to supplement their comments and observations on ways and means to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and on the desirability of elaborating provisions concerning the status of the diplomatic courier in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 3501 (XXX), with due regard also to the question of the status of the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier;

4. *Requests* the International Law Commission at the appropriate time to study, in the light of the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and other information on this question to be received from Member States through the Secretary-General, the proposals on the elaboration of a protocol concerning the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier, which would constitute development and concretization of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session an analytical report on ways and means to ensure the implementation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 on the basis of comments and observations on this question received from Member States and also taking into account the results, if available and ready, of the study by the International Law Commission of the proposals on the elaboration of the above-mentioned protocol;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961: report of the Secretary-General".

*97th plenary meeting*  
13 December 1976

### 31/97. Report of the International Law Commission

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-eighth session,<sup>11</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/31/33).

<sup>9</sup> A/31/145 and Add.1.

<sup>10</sup> United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 500, No. 7310, p. 95.

<sup>11</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/31/10).