

as may be necessary to finance up to fifteen fellowships for participants in the said symposia, voluntary contributions to the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law not specifically earmarked by the contributors to some other activity within the Programme;

10. *Expresses its confidence* that the Secretary-General, in carrying out the transfer of the International Trade Law Branch to Vienna in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/194 of 22 December 1976, will ensure that conditions and facilities exist for the proper accomplishment of its functions;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussion at the thirty-third session of the General Assembly on the Commission's report on the work of its eleventh session.

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33/93. United Nations Conference on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods

The General Assembly,

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

Also recalling its resolution 32/145 of 16 December 1977, by which it deferred until its thirty-third session a decision as to the appropriate time for convening a conference of plenipotentiaries on the international sale of goods and the terms of reference of such a conference,

Having considered chapter II of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its eleventh session,⁸ which contains the text of a draft Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods,

Noting that the Commission considered and approved the draft Convention, taking note of observations and comments submitted by Governments and by international organizations,

Reaffirming its conviction that the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law, in reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade, especially those affecting the developing countries, would significantly contribute to universal economic co-operation among all States on a basis of equality and to the elimination of discrimination in international trade and, thereby, to the well-being of all peoples,

Convinced that the adoption of a convention on contracts for the international sale of goods, which would take into account the different social, economic and legal systems of States and remove existing uncertainties and ambiguities regarding the rights and obligations of buyers and sellers, would contribute considerably to the harmonious development of international trade,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the

valuable work done in preparing a draft Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods;

2. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convened in 1980 at the location of the International Trade Law Branch, or at any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General may receive an invitation, to consider the draft Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods prepared by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

3. *Also decides* that the United Nations Conference on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, referred to in paragraph 2 above, should consider the desirability of preparing a Protocol to the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods,⁹ adopted at New York on 12 June 1974, which would harmonize the provisions of that Convention with those of the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods as it may be adopted by the Conference;

4. *Refers* to the Conference the draft Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods approved by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, together with draft provisions concerning implementation, reservations and other final clauses to be prepared by the Secretary-General;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To circulate the draft Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, together with a commentary and draft provisions concerning implementation, reservations and other final clauses to be prepared by the Secretary-General, to Governments and interested international organizations for comments and proposals;

(b) To convene the Conference for a period of five weeks in 1980, with the possibility of extension for up to a further week if necessary, at any of the places mentioned in paragraph 2 above;

(c) To arrange for the preparation of summary records of the proceedings of the plenary meetings of the Conference and of meetings of committees of the whole which the Conference may wish to establish, and for the publication of the official records of the Conference;

(d) To invite all States to participate in the Conference;

(e) To invite representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in the capacity of observers, to participate in the Conference in that capacity in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

(f) To invite representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers in accordance with Gen-

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/33/17).

⁹ *Official Records of the United Nations Conference on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.74.V.8), p. 101.

eral Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(g) To invite the United Nations Council for Namibia to participate in the Conference in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 32/9 E of 4 November 1977;

(h) To invite the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations and interested international organizations, to be represented at the Conference by observers;

(i) To draw the attention of the States and other participants referred to in subparagraphs (d) to (h) above to the desirability of appointing among their representatives persons especially competent in the field to be considered;

(j) To place before the Conference:

- (i) All comments and proposals received from Governments and interested international organizations;
- (ii) An analytical compilation of such comments and proposals prepared by the Secretary-General;
- (iii) Draft provisions concerning implementation, reservations and other final clauses;
- (iv) All relevant documentation and recommendations relating to methods of work and procedure;

(k) To arrange for adequate staff and facilities for the Conference;

(l) To ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of the representatives referred to in subparagraphs (e) and (f) above, including the requisite financial provisions for their travel expenses and per diem;

6. *Decides* that the languages of the Conference shall be those used in the General Assembly and its Main Committees.

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33/94. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955, 2285 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, 2552 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2697 (XXV) of 11 December 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 its resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it established the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization,

and its resolutions 31/28 of 29 November 1976 and 32/45 of 8 December 1977,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee,¹⁰

Noting that progress has been made in fulfilling the mandate of the Special Committee,

Noting the importance that pre-session consultations among the members of the Special Committee and other interested States may have in facilitating the fulfilment of its task,

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

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 pursuance of the following tasks with which it is entrusted:

(a) To list the proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee and to identify those which have awakened special interest;

(b) To examine proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee with a view to accord priority to the consideration of those areas on which general agreement is possible;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee at its next session:

(a) To complete the listing and examination of proposals made by Member States on the question of peaceful settlement of disputes;

(b) To continue its work on the proposals made by Member States regarding the question of the maintenance of international peace and security with a view to listing and examining those proposals;

(c) To consider proposals made by Member States on the question of rationalization of existing procedures of the United Nations and, subsequently, any proposals under other topics;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to be mindful of the importance of reaching general agreement whenever it has significance for the outcome of its work;

5. *Urges* members of the Special Committee to participate fully in its work in fulfilment of the mandate entrusted to it;

6. *Invites* Governments to submit or to bring up to date, if they deem it necessary, their observations and proposals in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3499 (XXX);

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

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

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth 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".

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¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/33/33).*