

3. *Invites* all organs and organizations concerned to co-operate with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law by providing it with relevant information on their activities and by consulting with it;

4. *Calls upon* all Governments to bear in mind the importance of improved co-ordination of activities related to participation in the various international organizations concerned with international trade law;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take effective steps to secure close co-ordination, especially among those parts of the Secretariat which are serving the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, the International Law Commission, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Commission on Transnational Corporations;

(b) To place before the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, at each of its sessions, a report on the legal activities of the international organs, organizations and bodies concerned, together with recommendations regarding steps to be taken by the Commission.

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17 December 1979*

34/143. 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 twelfth session,⁹

Recalling its resolutions 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, 3108 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, by which it increased the membership of the Commission, and 31/99 of 15 December 1976, by which Governments of Member States not members of the Commission were entitled to attend as observers the sessions of the Commission and its working groups, as well as its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Commission on the work of its annual sessions,

Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

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,

Having regard for the need to take into account the different social and legal systems in harmonizing the rules of international trade law,

Stressing the usefulness and importance of organizing symposia for promoting better knowledge and understanding of international trade law and, especially, for

the training of young lawyers from developing countries in this field,

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

2. *Commends* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the progress made in its work and for its efforts to enhance the efficiency of its working methods;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law has commenced work on subjects included in the new programme of work adopted at its eleventh session;¹⁰

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law to continue to take account of the relevant provisions of the resolutions concerning the new international economic order, as adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions,¹¹ and notes with satisfaction that the Commission has taken positive action in this respect by establishing a Working Group on the New International Economic Order and by conferring on it a specific mandate;

5. *Recommends* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should:

(a) Continue its work on the topics included in its programme of work;

(b) Continue its work on training and assistance in the field of international trade law, taking into account the special interests of the developing countries;

(c) Maintain close collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and continue to collaborate with international organizations active in the field of international trade law;

(d) Continue to maintain liaison with the Commission on Transnational Corporations with regard to the consideration of legal problems that would be susceptible of action by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

(e) Continue to give special consideration to the interests of developing countries and to bear in mind special problems of countries due to their geographical situation;

(f) Keep its programme of work and working methods under review with the aim of further increasing the effectiveness of its work;

6. *Expresses the view* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should continue to hold symposia on international trade law;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* that the transfer to Vienna of the International Trade Law Branch of the Secretariat, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/194 of 22 December 1976, has now been completed and, in this connexion:

(a) Expresses its confidence that continued attention will be paid to the need for adequate research facilities for the International Trade Law Branch so that it can fulfil its functions as the substantive secretariat of the Commission;

(b) Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Austria for its financial contribution to the establishment of a law library for the Commission and its secretariat;

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/33/17), para. 69.

¹¹ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI), 3202 (S-VI) and 3362 (S-VII).

⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/34/17).

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to earmark, out of the funds allocated to the common library of the Vienna International Centre, such an amount as is necessary for the maintenance of the law library of the Commission and for the acquisition of materials that are required in the context of the programme of work of the Commission;

(d) Appeals to Governments to contribute to the law library of the Commission legislative and other materials that are of relevance to the work of the Commission;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussion on the report of the Commission at the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

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34/144. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law¹² and the recommendations made to the Secretary-General by the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, which are incorporated in that report,

Considering that international law should occupy an appropriate place in the teaching of legal disciplines at all universities,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by States at the bilateral level to provide assistance in the teaching and study of international law,

Convinced, nevertheless, that States and international institutions and organizations should be encouraged to give further support to the Programme and to increase their activities to promote the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, in particular those activities which are of special benefit to persons from developing countries,

Recalling that, in the conduct of the Programme, it is desirable to use as far as possible the resources and facilities made available by Member States, international organizations and others,

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to carry out in 1980 and 1981 the activities specified in section III of his report, including the provision of:

(a) A minimum of fifteen fellowships each year in 1980 and 1981, at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) Assistance in the form of a travel grant for one participant from each developing country who will be invited to the regional courses to be organized in 1980 and 1981;

and to finance the above activities from provisions in the regular budget and also voluntary financial contributions which would be received as a result of the requests set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 below;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his constructive efforts to promote training and assistance in international law within the framework of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law in 1978 and 1979;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, in particular for the efforts made to support the teaching of international law;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional courses and in the conduct of the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the Institute, and expresses the hope that, in appointing lecturers for its seminars for international law fellows and the regional courses, the Institute will take into account the need to secure representation of major legal systems and balance among various geographical regions;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Mexico and the Centre for Economic and Social Studies of the Third World at Mexico City for providing host facilities for the regional training and refresher course held in 1979;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Hague Academy of International Law for its valuable contributions to the Programme by enabling international law fellows under the sponsorship of the United Nations and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to attend its annual international law courses, providing facilities for seminars organized by the Institute in conjunction with the Academy courses and co-operating with the Institute in organizing and financing the regional training and refresher course held at Mexico City in 1979;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the contributions made by the Hague Academy of International Law to the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law and calls upon Member States and interested organizations to give favourable consideration to the appeal of the Academy for adequate assistance to solve its financial problems, preferably in such a way as to enable it to plan programmes extending over more than one year;

8. *Urges* all Governments to encourage the inclusion of courses on international law in the programmes of legal studies offered at institutions of higher learning;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to publicize the Programme and to invite periodically Member States, universities, philanthropic foundations and other interested national and international institutions and organizations, as well as individuals, to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme or otherwise assisting in its implementation and possible expansion;

10. *Reiterates its request* to Member States and to interested organizations and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme and expresses its appreciation to those Member States and organizations which have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

11. *Decides* to appoint the following thirteen Member States as members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, for a period of four years

¹² A/34/693.