

Commission and particularly of its working groups during recent years, due in part to inadequate resources to finance the travel of such experts,

*Convinced* that the fulfilment of the mandate of the Commission, in particular the preparation of universally acceptable legal texts, requires the active participation of representatives from all regions and the various legal and economic systems in an equitable manner, and that representatives need to have special expertise in the field of international trade law, in view of the complex and technical nature of the work of the Commission and its working groups,

*Bearing in mind* the arrangements on reimbursement of travel expenses that exist for certain United Nations bodies, pursuant to section IX of its resolution 43/217 of 21 December 1988,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on possible ways of assisting developing countries to attend meetings of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;<sup>36</sup>

2. *Requests* the Fifth Committee, in order to ensure full participation by all Member States, to consider granting travel assistance, within existing resources, to the least developed countries that are members of the Commission, as well as, on an exceptional basis, to other developing countries that are members of the Commission at their request, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to enable them to participate in the sessions of the Commission and its working groups;

3. *Recommends* that the Commission rationalize the organization of its work and consider, in particular, the holding of consecutive meetings of its working groups;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

*67th plenary meeting  
9 December 1991*

**46/57. Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 44/36 of 4 December 1989, in which it noted that the International Law Commission, taking into account the written comments of Governments and views expressed in debates in the Assembly, had completed at its forty-first session the second reading of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and had also prepared a draft optional protocol on the status of the courier and the bag of special missions and a draft optional protocol on the status of the courier and the bag of international organizations of a universal character;<sup>37</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 45/43 of 28 November 1990, by which it decided that the informal consultations that were held at its forty-fifth session would be resumed at its forty-sixth session,

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the useful informal consultations that were accordingly held at its forty-sixth session to study the draft articles on the status of the diplo-

matic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and the draft optional protocols thereto, as well as the question of how to deal further with those draft instruments with a view to facilitating the reaching of a generally acceptable decision in the latter respect, and takes note of the report of the Vice-Chairman of the Sixth Committee who presided over those consultations;<sup>38</sup>

2. *Decides* that these informal consultations will be resumed at its forty-seventh session;

3. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto".

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**46/58. 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,*

*Recalling* 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 relevant resolutions adopted at subsequent sessions;<sup>39</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh,<sup>40</sup> thirty-ninth,<sup>41</sup> fortieth,<sup>42</sup> forty-first,<sup>43</sup> forty-second,<sup>44</sup> forty-third,<sup>45</sup> forty-fourth,<sup>46</sup> forty-fifth<sup>47</sup> and forty-sixth<sup>48</sup> sessions, as well as the views and comments expressed on them by Member States,

*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 on the work of its session held in 1991,<sup>49</sup>

*Expressing its satisfaction* at the completion of the work on the draft Declaration on Fact-finding by the United Nations in the Field of the Maintenance of International Peace and Security,<sup>50</sup>

*Mindful* of the desirability of further work being done by the Special Committee in the fields of the maintenance of international peace and security and the peaceful settlement of disputes between States,

*Bearing in mind* various proposals presented to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session aimed at strengthening the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness,

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;<sup>49</sup>

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the completion of the Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States<sup>51</sup> and requests him to publish and disseminate it widely in all the official languages of the United Nations;

3. *Decides* that the Special Committee will hold its next session from 3 to 21 February 1992;