

consider that the Tribunal should be continued for a further period,

Having noted the explanatory memorandum³ by the Secretary-General concerning the continuation of the functions of the Tribunal,

1. Resolves that the United Nations Tribunal in Libya shall continue in existence;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Governments concerned regarding the future of the Tribunal, to report to the General Assembly at its tenth session.

453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.

793 (VIII). Invitation to non-member States to become Parties to the Convention on the Political Rights of Women

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 504 E (XVI) dated 23 July 1953,

Considering that articles IV and V of the Convention on the Political Rights of Women provide, *inter alia*, that the Convention shall be open for signature and ratification or for accession on behalf of any non-member State to which an invitation has been addressed by the General Assembly,

Decides to request the Secretary-General to dispatch such an invitation to each non-member State which is or hereafter becomes a member of one or more of the specialized agencies of the United Nations, or which is or hereafter becomes a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.

794 (VIII). Transfer to the United Nations of the functions exercised by the League of Nations under the Slavery Convention of 25 September 1926

The General Assembly,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 475 (XV), adopted on 27 April 1953, concerning the transfer to the United Nations of the functions exercised by the League of Nations under the Slavery Convention of 25 September 1926,

Desirous of continuing international co-operation relating to the elimination of slavery,

1. Approves the Protocol which accompanies the present resolution;

2. Urges all States Parties to the Slavery Convention to sign or accept this Protocol;

3. Recommends all other States to accede at their earliest opportunity to the Slavery Convention as amended by the present Protocol.

453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.

Protocol amending the Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926

The States Parties to the present Protocol,

Considering that under the Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on 25 September 1926 (hereinafter called "the Con-

³ *Ibid.*

vention") the League of Nations was invested with certain duties and functions, and

Considering that it is expedient that these duties and functions should be continued by the United Nations,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The States Parties to the present Protocol undertake that as between themselves they will, in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol, attribute full legal force and effect to and duly apply the amendments to the Convention set forth in the annex to the Protocol.

Article II

1. The present Protocol shall be open for signature or acceptance by any of the States Parties to the Convention to which the Secretary-General has communicated for this purpose a copy of the Protocol.

2. States may become Parties to the present Protocol by:

- (a) Signature without reservation as to acceptance;
- (b) Signature with reservation as to acceptance, followed by acceptance;
- (c) Acceptance.

3. Acceptance shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article III

1. The present Protocol shall come into force on the date on which two States shall have become Parties thereto, and shall thereafter come into force in respect of each State upon the date on which it becomes a Party to the Protocol.

2. The amendments set forth in the annex to the present Protocol shall come into force when twenty-three States shall have become Parties to the Protocol, and consequently any State becoming a Party to the Convention, after the amendments thereto have come into force, shall become a Party to the Convention as so amended.

Article IV

In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations and the regulations pursuant thereto adopted by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations is authorized to effect registration of the present Protocol and of the amendments made in the Convention by the Protocol on the respective dates of their entry into force and to publish the Protocol and the amended text of the Convention as soon as possible after registration.

Article V

The present Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations Secretariat. The texts of the Convention to be amended in accordance with the annex being authentic in the English and French languages only, the English and French texts of the annex shall be equally authentic, and the Chinese, Russian and Spanish texts shall be translations. The Secretary-General shall prepare certified copies of the Protocol, including the annex, for communication to States Parties to the Convention, as well as to all other States Members of the United Nations. He shall likewise prepare for communication to States, including States not Members of the United Nations, upon the entry into force of the amendments as provided in article III, certified copies of the Convention as so amended.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, signed the present Protocol on the date appearing opposite their respective signatures.

Done at the Headquarters of the United Nations, New York, this..... day of.....
one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

* The above Protocol was opened for signature or acceptance at United Nations Headquarters on 7 December 1953.

ANNEX TO THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE SLAVERY CONVENTION SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 25 SEPTEMBER 1926

In *article 7* "the Secretary-General of the United Nations" shall be substituted for "the Secretary-General of the League of Nations".

In *article 8* "the International Court of Justice" shall be substituted for "the Permanent Court of International Justice", and "the Statute of the International Court of Justice" shall be substituted for "the Protocol of December 16th, 1920, relating to the Permanent Court of International Justice".

In the first and second paragraphs of *article 10* "the United Nations" shall be substituted for "the League of Nations".

The last three paragraphs of *article 11* shall be deleted and the following substituted:

"The present Convention shall be open to accession by all States, including States which are not Members of the United Nations, to which the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall have communicated a certified copy of the Convention.

"Accession shall be effected by the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall give notice thereof to all States Parties to the Convention and to all other States contemplated in the present article, informing them of the date on which each such instrument of accession was received in deposit."

In *article 12* "the United Nations" shall be substituted for "the League of Nations".

795 (VIII). Appeal to States to accelerate their ratifications of, or accessions to, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and measures designed to ensure the widest possible diffusion of the nature, contents and purposes of the Convention

The General Assembly,

Considering its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948, by which it approved the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and believing that the Convention represents a valuable contribution to the development of international law,

1. *Reiterates* its appeal to States to accelerate their ratifications of, or accessions to, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take all necessary measures designed to ensure the widest possible diffusion of the nature, contents and purposes of the Convention.

*455th plenary meeting,
3 November 1953.*

796 (VIII). Publication of documents concerning the drafting and application of the Charter: Preparatory work with regard to the possible holding of a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations in accordance with Article 109 of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of Article 109 of the Charter under which a proposal to hold a General Conference of the Members of the United Nations for the purpose of reviewing the Charter is to be placed on the agenda of the tenth annual session of the General Assembly if such a conference has not been held before that session,

Considering that the examination of such a proposal will require considerable preparation on the part of both the Secretary-General and Member States,

Considering that study of the legislative history of the Charter and of the practice followed by the various organs of the United Nations is one of the best methods of acquiring knowledge of the Charter and will greatly facilitate the General Assembly's consideration, at its tenth annual session, of the question of calling a General Conference,

Having regard to the memorandum by the Secretary-General,⁴

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, publish and circulate among the Member States during 1954, or shortly thereafter:

(a) A systematic compilation of the documents of the United Nations Conference on International Organization not yet published;

(b) A complete index of the documents of that Conference on the lines envisaged in part II and part III C of the memorandum by the Secretary-General;

(c) A repertory of the practice of United Nations organs appropriately indexed.

*458th plenary meeting,
27 November 1953.*

797 (VIII). Arbitral procedure

The General Assembly,

Noting the draft⁵ on arbitral procedure prepared by the International Law Commission at its fifth session,

Considering that the said draft includes certain important elements with respect to the progressive development of international law on arbitral procedure,

Considering that, having regard to the importance of the topic, the governments of Member States should have an opportunity of making known their views on the draft on arbitral procedure in the light of the discussion which has taken place at the current session of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to transmit to Member States the draft on arbitral procedure prepared by the International Law Commission together with the observations made thereon in the Sixth Committee at the current session of the General Assembly, with a view to the submission by governments of whatever comments they may deem appropriate, if possible, before 1 January 1955;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate to Member States any comments he may receive, and to include the question in the provisional agenda of the tenth session of the General Assembly.

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

798 (VIII). Régime of the high seas

The General Assembly,

Considering that at its fourth session the General Assembly recommended⁶ that the International Law Commission study simultaneously the régime of the high seas and the régime of territorial waters,

⁴ See document A/C.6/343.

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 9, page 9.*

⁶ See resolution 374(IV).