

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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1181 (XII). Question of defining aggression

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 599 (VI) of 31 January 1952, 688 (VII) of 20 December 1952 and 895 (IX) of 4 December 1954, all referring to a definition of aggression,

Considering that, in spite of the progress made in the study of the question, the discussion at the present session shows the need for the elucidation of other aspects of a definition of aggression,

Considering that the report presented by the 1956 Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression¹ is an important study based on the views expressed by States Members of the United Nations up to the date of the preparation of the report,

Considering that twenty-two additional States have recently joined the Organization and that it would be useful to know their views on the matter,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the 1956 Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression and to express appreciation for the valuable work done;

2. To ask the Secretary-General to request the views of the new Member States on the question, and to renew the request to Member States to submit comments as provided in General Assembly resolution 688 (VII) of 20 December 1952, furnishing them with the documentation produced after the adoption of that resolution;

3. To ask the Secretary-General to refer the replies of Member States to a committee composed of the Member States whose representatives have served on the General Committee at the most recent regular session of the General Assembly, which committee shall study the replies for the purpose of determining when it shall be appropriate for the General Assembly to consider again the question of defining aggression, and shall report to the Secretary-General when it has determined that the time is appropriate, setting forth the considerations which led to its decision;

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twelfth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/3574).

4. To request the Secretary-General to place the question of defining aggression on the provisional agenda of the General Assembly, not earlier than at its fourteenth session, when the committee has advised him that it considers the time appropriate;

5. To request the Secretary-General to convene the first meeting of the committee prior to the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.

*724th plenary meeting,
29 November 1957.*

1185 (XII). Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its ninth session

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its ninth session,²

1. Notes the said report;

2. Expresses its appreciation of the work done by the International Law Commission;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the summary records of the discussions of the Sixth Committee on the report of the Commission.

*727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.*

1186 (XII). Draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind

The General Assembly,

Considering that the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind, as formulated in chapter III of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session,³ raises problems related to that of the definition of aggression,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 897 (IX) of 4 December 1954,

Considering General Assembly resolution 1181 (XII) of 29 November 1957 concerning the definition of aggression,

² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9 (A/3623).

³ *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/2693).

1. *Decides* to defer consideration of the question of the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind until such time as the General Assembly takes up again the question of defining aggression;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the draft Code to Member States for comment, and to submit their replies to the General Assembly at such time as the item may be placed on its provisional agenda.

*727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.*

1187 (XII). International criminal jurisdiction

The General Assembly,

Considering its resolution 898 (IX) of 14 December 1954,

Considering its resolution 1181 (XII) of 29 November 1957 concerning the definition of aggression,

Decides to defer consideration of the question of an international criminal jurisdiction until such time as the General Assembly takes up again the question of defining aggression and the question of a draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind.

*727th plenary meeting,
11 December 1957.*