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2501 (XXIV). Report of the International Law Commission and resolution relating to article 1 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-first session,¹

Having discussed the resolution² relating to article 1 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, adopted on 23 May 1969 by the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties,

Emphasizing the need for the further codification and progressive development of international law in order

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/7610/Rev.1).*

² *Ibid., Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 94 (a) and (c), document A/7592, para. 8.*

to make it a more effective means of implementing the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations and to give increased importance to its role in relations among nations,

Noting with appreciation that the United Nations Office at Geneva organized, during the twenty-first session of the International Law Commission, a fifth session of the Seminar on International Law,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-first session;

2. *Expresses its profound appreciation* to the International Law Commission of the valuable work it accomplished during that session;

3. *Takes note with approval* of the programme and organization of work planned by the International Law Commission, including its intention of bringing up to date its long-term programme of work and of completing its draft articles on representatives of States to inter-

national organizations before the expiry of the term of office of its present membership;

4. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission should:

(a) Continue its work on relations between States and international organizations, with a view to completing in 1971 its draft articles on representatives of States to international organizations;

(b) Continue its work on succession of States and Governments, taking into account the views and considerations referred to in General Assembly resolutions 1765 (XVII) of 20 November 1962 and 1902 (XVIII) of 18 November 1963;

(c) Continue its work on State responsibility, taking into account paragraph 4 (c) of General Assembly resolution 2400 (XXIII) of 11 December 1968;

(d) Continue its study of the most-favoured-nation clause;

5. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission should study, in consultation with the principal international organizations, as it may consider appropriate in accordance with its practice, the question of treaties concluded between States and international organizations or between two or more international organizations, as an important question;

6. *Expresses the wish* that, in conjunction with future sessions of the International Law Commission, other seminars might be organized, which should continue to ensure the participation of an increasing number of nationals of developing countries;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussions at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly on the Commission's report and on the resolution relating to article 1 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties.

*1809th plenary meeting,
12 November 1969.*

2502 (XXIV). 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 second session,³

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined its object and terms of reference, and its resolution 2421 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 on the report of the Commission on the work of its first session,

Noting the comments made by the Trade and Development Board at its ninth session⁴ expressing its appreciation of the report of the United Nations Commission in International Trade Law,

Taking into consideration the report of the Secretary-General concerning the establishment of a yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the financial implications of alternative proposals for such a yearbook,⁵

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

2. *Endorses* the inclusion by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, on the basis indicated in its report,⁶ of international legislation on shipping among the priority topics in its programme of work;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, including the establishment of working groups on uniform rules governing the international sale of goods and the law applicable thereto, on time-limits and limitations (prescription) in the field of the international sale of goods and on international legislation on shipping;

4. *Takes note* of the view expressed by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law in its report that, in order to implement the mandate entrusted to the Commission by the General Assembly, it is desirable that there be the widest possible participation by the members of the Commission in the preparatory work to be done by working groups or special rapporteurs;

5. *Endorses* the desire of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law to obtain, where necessary, the services of consultants or organizations with special expertise in technical matters dealt with by the Commission;

6. *Emphasizes* the need for full co-operation with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law in the performance of its task to promote the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade;

7. *Approves in principle* the establishment of a Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, which would make the work of the Commission more widely known and readily available, and requests the Commission to consider, at its third session, the timing and content of the Yearbook, in the light of the report of the Secretary-General⁷ and of the discussions of the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

8. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish the Yearbook referred to in paragraph 7 above in accordance with the decisions and recommendations to be adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its third session;

9. *Endorses* the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law concerning the register of organizations and the register of texts,⁸ and requests the Secretary-General to continue the work of preparing and publishing the registers in accordance with those decisions and recommendations;

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

(a) Continue its work on the topics to which it decided to give priority, that is, the international sale of goods, international payments, international com-

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/7618)*, chapter XII, section D.

⁴ A/CN.9/32.

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/7618)*, chapter XII, section E.

³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 18 (A/7618)*.
⁴ A/C.6/L.744. For the account of the proceedings at the first and second parts of the ninth session of the Trade and Development Board, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/7616)*.
⁵ A/CN.9/32.