

Having heard the different views expressed during the consideration of the item at its twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States to communicate to him, before 1 July 1972, their views and suggestions on the review of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report containing the views and suggestions of Member States communicated to him pursuant to paragraph 1 above;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled "Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations".

*1926th plenary meeting,
11 December 1970.*

2698 (XXV). 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 Law,¹⁶

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to carry out in 1971 the activities specified in his report, including the provision of:

(a) Fifteen fellowships at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) Current United Nations legal publications to institutions in developing countries which have previously received United Nations legal publications under the present Programme and to other institutions in developing countries for which requests for such publications are made by the Member States concerned;

2. *Further authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide assistance in the form of a travel grant for one participant from each developing country invited to the regional symposium to be held in Africa and to the regional training course to be organized in Latin America;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to promote training and assistance in international trade law within the framework of the Programme, in order to meet the need, particularly on the part of developing countries, for strengthening legal expertise in this field;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, especially as regards its efforts to develop the teaching of international law;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional symposia and training courses and in the con-

duct of the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the Institute;

6. *Notes with thanks* the offer of the Government of Ghana to provide facilities for the regional symposium to be held in Africa in 1971;

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

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1971 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1972 and subsequent years;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-sixth session an item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law".

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11 December 1970.*

2723 (XXV). Review of the role of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations,

Considering the desirability of finding ways and means of enhancing the effectiveness of the Court,

Bearing in mind that a study of the Court will in no way impair its authority, but should seek to facilitate the greatest possible contribution by the Court to the advancement of the rule of law and the promotion of justice among nations,

1. *Invites* Member States and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice to submit to the Secretary-General, by 1 July 1971, views and suggestions concerning the role of the Court on the basis of the questionnaire to be prepared by the Secretary-General;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Court the records of the discussions and proposals in the Sixth Committee on this item;

3. *Invites* the Court to state its views, should it so desire;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report in the light of the opinions expressed by States and the Court, should the Court so desire;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-sixth session an item entitled "Review of the role of the International Court of Justice", with a view to taking such appropriate measures as may seem desirable.

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15 December 1970.*

¹⁶ A/8130 and Corr.1.