

3. *Invites also* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to submit within the same period their written comments and observations on the said draft articles;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate, before the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly, the comments and observations submitted in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

5. *Expresses its desire* that an international convention be elaborated and concluded expeditiously on the basis of the draft articles adopted by the International Law Commission and in the light of the comments and observations submitted in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled "Representation of States in their relations with international organizations";

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1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite comments from Member States before 1 April 1972 on the question of the protection of diplomats and to transmit them to the International Law Commission at its twenty-fourth session;

2. *Requests* the International Law Commission to study as soon as possible, in the light of the comments of Member States, the question of the protection and inviolability of diplomatic agents and other persons entitled to special protection under international law, with a view to preparing a set of draft articles dealing with offences committed against diplomats and other persons entitled to special protection under international law for submission to the General Assembly at the earliest date which the Commission considers appropriate.

*1999th plenary meeting,
3 December 1971.*

2781 (XXVI). Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression on the work of its session held in New York from 1 February to 5 March 1971,⁹

Taking note of the progress made by the Special Committee in its consideration of the question of defining aggression and on the draft definition, as reflected in the report of the Special Committee,

Considering that it was not possible for the Special Committee to complete its task at its session held in 1971,

Considering that in its resolutions 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 2420 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2549 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969 and 2644 (XXV) of 25 November 1970 the General Assembly recognized the widespread conviction of the need to expedite the definition of aggression,

Considering the urgency of bringing the work of the Special Committee to a successful conclusion and the

⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/8419).

desirability of achieving the definition of aggression as soon as possible,

Noting also the common desire of the members of the Special Committee to continue their work on the basis of the results achieved and to arrive at a draft definition,

1. *Decides* that the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII), as early as possible in 1972;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression".

*1999th plenary meeting,
3 December 1971.*

2818 (XXVI). 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,

Recalling further that, in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, all Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered,

Emphasizing that, in conformity with that principle, as solemnly proclaimed in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, judicial settlement is one of the means to which States can have recourse in seeking a just settlement of their disputes,

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

Noting that the Court has undertaken a revision of its Rules,

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰ containing the replies received from certain Member States and from Switzerland to the questionnaire prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2723 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 and the text of the letter addressed to the Secretary-General by the President of the Court,

1. *Invites* Member States and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice which have not yet been able to do so to transmit to the Secretary-General, by 1 July 1972, their comments on the questionnaire prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2723 (XXV);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit those comments to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Court the above-mentioned report,¹⁰ together with the summary records of the discussions held in the Sixth Committee on this subject at the twenty-sixth session;

¹⁰ A/8382 and Add.1-4.

4. *Invites* the Court to submit its views on the matter if it so desires;

5. *Expresses the hope* that the Court will complete the revision of its Rules as soon as possible;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled "Review of the role of the International Court of Justice".

2019th plenary meeting,
15 December 1971.

2819 (XXVI). Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel and establishment of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Security of missions accredited to the United Nations and safety of their personnel" and the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations,¹¹

Drawing attention to its resolution 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, in which it urges the Government of the host country to make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of diplomatic missions and their diplomatic personnel are adequate to enable permanent missions to the United Nations to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments,

Expressing its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his valuable contribution to the work of the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations,

Noting with extreme concern the illegal acts of individuals or groups against the inviolability of various missions accredited to the United Nations involving the commission and the repetition of violent and other criminal acts, including in some cases the use of bombs or firearms, against their premises and the residences of their personnel and also the assaults, the uttering of threats and insults against such personnel, and picketing accompanied by violence,

Expressing its deep sympathy with the missions and their personnel that have become the victims of such acts,

Recalling the responsibilities of the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and missions accredited to it and their personnel under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and general international law,

Taking into account the profound concern expressed by representatives of States at the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly over the perpetration and repetition of violent and increasingly dangerous attacks against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations, and also over the repeated threats and the hostile and intimidating acts against the personnel of these missions, which indicates a deterioration in the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

Considering that the problems related to the privileges and immunities of the United Nations and to the status of the diplomatic missions accredited to it are of mutual concern to Member States, including the host country, as well as to the Secretary-General,

1. *Strongly condemns* the acts of violence and other criminal acts against the premises of certain missions accredited to the United Nations and against their personnel as being flagrantly incompatible with their status under international law;

2. *Urges* that the Government of the United States of America, the host country of the United Nations, should take all requisite measures to ensure, in conformity with its international obligations, the protection and security of the United Nations Headquarters, of the missions accredited to it and of their personnel, thereby ensuring normal conditions for the performance of their functions;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of the United States of America, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to take all possible measures, including the use of information and publicity, to ensure a favourable atmosphere for the normal functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the assurances given by the representative of the host country that it will intensify in a diligent and energetic manner its efforts to strengthen the protection and safety of the missions accredited to the United Nations and their personnel;

5. *Decides* to establish a Committee on Relations with the Host Country, composed of the host country and fourteen Member States to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with regional groups and taking into consideration equitable geographic representation thereon;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to participate actively in the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country with a view to ensuring the representation of the interests concerned;

7. *Instructs* the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to deal with the question of the security of missions and the safety of their personnel, as well as all the categories of issues previously considered by the Informal Joint Committee on Host Country Relations; the Committee is authorized to study the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and shall consider, and advise the host country on, issues arising in connexion with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations;

8. *Authorizes* the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to have summary records of its meetings and to convene on a periodic basis and whenever it is convoked by its Chairman at the request of any State Member of the United Nations or the Secretary-General;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to solicit the views of Member States with respect to the measures needed to ensure the future security of missions and the safety of their personnel and to transmit such replies to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the Committee on Relations with the Host

¹¹ A/8474.