

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

2. *Commends* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the progress made in its work and for its efforts to enhance the efficiency of its working methods;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that a draft convention on the carriage of goods by sea has been prepared by a working group of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and that this draft convention has been transmitted to Governments and interested international organizations for their comments;

4. *Further notes with satisfaction* that work on uniform rules governing the international sale of goods is nearing completion and that in the near future a draft convention on the international sale of goods will be transmitted to Governments and interested international organizations for their comments;

5. *Approves* the decision of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law to maintain on its agenda the item concerning multinational enterprises and to keep that subject under review pending the identification by the Commission on Transnational Corporations of specific legal issues that would be susceptible of action by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the international symposium on the teaching of international trade law, held in connexion with its eighth session;

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

(a) Continue in its work to pay special attention to the topics to which it had decided to give priority, namely, the international sale of goods, international payments, international commercial arbitration and international legislation on shipping;

(b) Continue to consider the advisability of preparing uniform rules governing the liability for damage caused by products intended for or involved in international trade, in accordance with the decisions thereon adopted by the Commission at its eighth session;

(c) Continue its work on training and assistance in the field of international trade law, taking into account the special interests of the developing countries;

(d) Maintain close collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and continue to collaborate with international organizations active in the field of international trade law;

(e) Maintain liaison with the Commission on Transnational Corporations with regard to the consideration of legal problems that would be susceptible of action by it;

(f) Continue to give special consideration to the interests of developing countries and to bear in mind the special problems of land-locked countries;

(g) Keep its programme of work and working methods under review with the aim of further increasing the effectiveness of its work;

8. *Calls upon* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law to take account of the relevant provisions of the resolutions of the sixth and seventh special sessions of the General Assembly that laid down the foundations of the new international economic

order, bearing in mind the need for United Nations organs to participate in the implementation of those resolutions;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussions at the thirtieth session of the General Assembly on the Commission's report on the work of its eighth session.

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3495 (XXX). Report of the International Law Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-seventh session,³

Emphasizing the need for the progressive development of international law and its codification in order 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 in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States,⁴ and to give increased importance to its role in relations among States,

Taking note with appreciation of the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission on State responsibility, succession of States in respect of matters other than treaties, the most-favoured-nation clause and treaties concluded between States and international organizations or between international organizations,

Noting with satisfaction that the adoption by the International Law Commission of general goals towards which its efforts should be directed in the years to come is a means of rationalizing further the organization and methods of work of the Commission,

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

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for the work accomplished at that session;

3. *Approves* the programme of work planned by the International Law Commission for 1976;

4. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission, in the light of the observations on its plan of work made at the present session of the General Assembly, should:

(a) Complete at its twenty-eighth session the first reading of draft articles on the most-favoured-nation clause;

(b) Continue on a high priority basis its work on State responsibility, taking into account relevant General Assembly resolutions adopted at previous sessions, with a view to completing the preparation of a first set of draft articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts at the earliest possible time and take up, as soon as appropriate, the separate topic of international liability for injurious consequences arising out of acts not prohibited by international law;

(c) Proceed with the preparation on a priority basis of draft articles on succession of States in respect of matters other than treaties;

³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 10 (A/10010/Rev.1).

⁴ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

(d) Proceed with the preparation of draft articles on treaties concluded between States and international organizations or between international organizations;

(e) Continue its study of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses;

5. *Expresses confidence* that the International Law Commission will review the progress of its work and adopt, in the light of such a review, the methods of work best suited to the speedy realization of the tasks entrusted to it;

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

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussion on the report of the Commission at the thirtieth session of the General Assembly.

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3496 (XXX). Succession of States in respect of treaties

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Succession of States in respect of treaties",

Recalling that, in its resolution 3315 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, the General Assembly invited Member States to submit to the Secretary-General their written comments and observations on the draft articles on succession of States in respect of treaties contained in the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-sixth session,⁵

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General⁶ containing the comments and observations submitted by a number of Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3315 (XXIX),

Taking note also of the views expressed by Member States during the debates in the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions,

1. *Urges* Member States which have not yet been able to do so to submit to the Secretary-General as soon as possible their written comments and observations on the draft articles;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate, before the thirty-first session of the General Assembly, the comments and observations submitted by Member States;

3. *Decides* to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries in 1977 to consider the draft articles on succession of States in respect of treaties and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled "Conference of plenipotentiaries on succession of States in respect of treaties".

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⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/9610/Rev.1).*

⁶ A/10198 and Add.1-6.

3497 (XXX). Question of diplomatic asylum

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3321 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on the question of diplomatic asylum and the views on that question expressed in writing by twenty-five Member States,⁷

Believing that it is desirable to give Member States more time in which to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the question of diplomatic asylum and a further opportunity to express their views on this question, including in particular any action that might be taken by the General Assembly,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to the Secretary-General for his report on the question of diplomatic asylum;

2. *Invites* Member States wishing to express their views or to supplement views already expressed on the question of diplomatic asylum to communicate those views to the Secretary-General by 31 December 1976;

3. *Decides* to give further consideration to this question at a future session of the General Assembly.

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3498 (XXX). Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,⁸

Drawing attention to its resolutions 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971, 3033 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3107 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973 and 3320 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, in which it urged the Government of the host country to make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of permanent missions to the United Nations and their personnel were adequate to enable those missions to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments,

Recalling the responsibilities of the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and the missions accredited to it, their personnel and their correspondence under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,⁹ the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations¹⁰ and general international law,

Noting with deep 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,

⁷ A/10139 (Part I) and (Part I)/Add.1 and A/10139 (Part II).

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/10026).*

⁹ Resolution 169 (II).

¹⁰ Resolution 22 A (1).