

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

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

Recalling the duty of missions accredited to the United Nations and their personnel to respect the laws and regulations of the host country, without prejudice to their privileges and immunities under international law,

Noting the recommendations of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, contained in paragraph 66 of its report,

Taking note of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,

1. *Expresses its deep concern* at any acts of violence against some missions and other criminal acts committed against missions accredited to the United Nations, their personnel and property, including acts of vandalism against motor vehicles, demonstrations and picketing accompanied by violence, threats and insults against personnel of those missions;

2. *Strongly condemns* any acts of violence and other criminal acts against the premises of missions and their personnel as fundamentally incompatible with the status of such missions and personnel under international law;

3. *Urges* the host country to exert all-round efforts in order to take all necessary measures and ensure their effective implementation for the purpose of guaranteeing adequate security for missions and their personnel and creating normal conditions for the functioning of missions to the United Nations;

4. *Urges* the host country to take all necessary measures to apprehend, prosecute and punish those guilty of criminal acts against missions and their personnel;

5. *Urges* the host country to continue to implement fully and effectively its Act for the Protection of Foreign Officials and Official Guests of the United States¹¹ and, in particular, to take all appropriate enforcement and preventive measures to make certain that demonstrations and picketing, especially where there is reason to believe that they may be accompanied by violence or may prevent the conduct of normal business of missions to the United Nations, are held in conformity with this law and closely monitored by the police to prevent any acts of violence against the missions accredited to the United Nations and their personnel;

6. *Notes* the difficulties which diplomatic missions and their personnel encounter from time to time when parking their automobiles, and the need to maintain public safety;

7. *Appeals* to the host country to review the measures with regard to the parking of diplomatic vehicles with a view to facilitating the desires and needs of the diplomatic community and to consider terminating the practice of serving summonses to diplomats;

8. *Welcomes* the diplomatic community's readiness to co-operate fully with the local authorities in solving traffic problems;

9. *Requests* all members of the diplomatic community to respect the laws and regulations of the host country;

10. *Urges* the host country, the Secretariat, the diplomatic community and the organizations concerned to seek in every way the improvement of relations and the promotion of mutual understanding between the diplomatic community and the local population in order to ensure conditions conducive to the effective functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

11. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the host country, the New York City community and the New York City Commission for the United Nations and for the Consular Corps to accommodate the needs, interests and requirements of the diplomatic community and to provide hospitality;

12. *Decides* to continue the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country in 1976, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI), with the purpose of examining all matters falling within its terms of reference;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and to call its attention to issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

14. *Requests* the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, a report on the progress of its work and to make, if it deems it necessary, appropriate recommendations;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".

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3499 (XXX). Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955, 2285 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, 2552 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2697 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 and 2968 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and especially resolution 3349 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, which established the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolutions 2925 (XXVII) of 27 November 1972, 3073 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973 and 3282 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations,

Having considered the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee¹² and the item on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States,

Considering that the observations, proposals and suggestions submitted to the *Ad Hoc* Committee call for more thorough study,

Reaffirming its support for the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

¹¹ United States Public Law 92-539 (see A/8871/Rev.1).

¹² Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/10033).

1. *Decides* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3349 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 should be reconvened as the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization and continue its work in pursuance of the following tasks with which it is entrusted:

(a) To examine in detail the observations received from Governments concerning:

- (i) Suggestions and proposals regarding the Charter of the United Nations;
- (ii) The strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States;

(b) To consider any additional specific proposals that Governments may make with a view to enhancing the ability of the United Nations to achieve its purposes;

(c) To list the proposals which have been made in the Committee and to identify those which have awakened special interest;

2. *Requests* the Committee to examine the proposals which have been made or will be made with a view to according priority to the consideration of those areas on which general agreement is possible;

3. *Decides* to enlarge the *Ad Hoc* Committee by the addition of the following five Member States: Barbados, Belgium, Egypt, Iraq and Romania;

4. *Invites* Governments to continue the submission of, or to bring up to date, their observations and proposals in accordance with paragraph 1 above;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare for the use of the Committee a study, to complement those submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 3073 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973 and 3349 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, which should present analytically the views expressed by Governments with respect to the various aspects of the functioning of the United Nations, including those relating specifically to the Charter, and also to render all necessary assistance to the Committee, including the preparation of summary records of its meetings;

6. *Requests* the Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".

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As a result of the appointments set forth in paragraph 3 of the above resolution, the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization is composed of the following Member States: ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, BARBADOS, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF), GHANA, GREECE, GUYANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRAQ, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, LIBERIA, MEXICO, NEPAL, NIGERIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, ROMANIA, RWANDA, SIERRA LEONE, SPAIN, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUB-

LICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA, YUGOSLAVIA and ZAMBIA.

3500 (XXX). Respect for human rights in armed conflicts

The General Assembly,

Conscious that a better application of existing humanitarian rules relating to armed conflicts and the development of further rules remains an urgent task in order to reduce the suffering brought about by all such conflicts,

Recalling the successive resolutions adopted in the preceding years by the United Nations relating to human rights in armed conflicts and the debates on this subject,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on the second session of the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts,¹³ held at Geneva from 3 February to 18 April 1975,

Noting also the note by the Secretary-General entitled "Human rights in armed conflicts: protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict",¹⁴

Welcoming the substantial progress made at the second session of the Diplomatic Conference,

Noting that the Diplomatic Conference will continue its consideration of the use of specific conventional weapons, including any which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects, and its search for agreement, for humanitarian reasons, on possible rules prohibiting or restricting the use of such weapons,

1. *Calls upon* all parties to armed conflicts to acknowledge and to comply with their obligations under the humanitarian instruments and to observe the international humanitarian rules which are applicable, in particular the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907,¹⁵ the Geneva Protocol of 1925¹⁶ and the Geneva Conventions of 1949;¹⁷

2. *Calls* the attention of the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts, and of the Governments and organizations participating in it, to the need for measures to promote on a universal basis the dissemination of and instruction in the rules of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts;

3. *Urges* all participants in the Diplomatic Conference to do their utmost to reach agreement on additional rules which may help to alleviate the suffering brought about by armed conflicts and to respect and protect non-combatants and civilian objects in such conflicts;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the decision of the Diplomatic Conference on the protection of journalists engaged in dangerous professional missions in areas of armed conflict, and of the intention of the Conference to complete its work on the subject during its next session;

¹³ A/10195 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

¹⁴ A/10147.

¹⁵ Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915).

¹⁶ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV, No. 2138, p. 65.

¹⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.