

3. *Strongly condemns* the acts violating the security of all missions accredited to the United Nations and the safety of their personnel;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country and, in this context, to continue to stress to the host country the importance of effective measures to avoid any acts violating the security of missions and the safety of their personnel;

5. *Urges* the host country and the missions concerned, in any cases in which problems arise regarding privileges and immunities of members of missions to the United Nations, to make full use of the good offices of the Secretary-General in pursuit of solutions satisfactory to the parties involved;

6. *Requests* the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to continue its work, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971;

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

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37/114. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling its resolutions 686 (VII) of 5 December 1952, 992 (X) of 21 November 1955, 2285 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, 2552 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2697 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 2968 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and 3349 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,

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,

Recalling especially its resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it established the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, and its resolutions 31/28 of 29 November 1976, 32/45 of 8 December 1977, 33/94 of 16 December 1978, 34/147 of 17 December 1979, 35/164 of 15 December 1980 and 36/122 of 11 December 1981,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization,⁴⁹

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization on the work of the session it held in 1982,⁵⁰

Noting that significant progress has been made in fulfilling the mandate of the Special Committee,

Noting the importance that pre-session consultations among the members of the Special Committee and other interested States may have in facilitating the fulfilment of its task,

Considering that the Special Committee has not yet completed the mandate entrusted to it,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization;

2. *Welcomes* the adoption by the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes⁵¹ as a significant achievement of the Special Committee;

3. *Decides* that the Special Committee should continue its work in pursuance of the following tasks with which it is entrusted:

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

(b) To examine proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee with a view to according priority to the consideration of those on which agreement seems possible and to make recommendations thereon;

4. *Also decides* that the Special Committee shall convene its next session from 11 April to 6 May 1983;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee at its next session:

(a) To accord priority in its work to the proposals regarding the question of the maintenance of international peace and security, to document A/AC.182/L.29/Rev.1⁵² as well as to other proposals made in regard to this subject, including those relating to the functioning of the Security Council;

(b) To continue its work on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes by considering the remaining proposals contained in the list prepared by the Special Committee in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/94;⁵³

(c) To consider proposals made by Member States on the question of rationalization of existing procedures of the United Nations, as agreed by the Special Committee,⁵⁴ and to consider any proposals under other relevant topics;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to be mindful of the importance of reaching general agreement whenever that has significance for the outcome of its work;

7. *Urges* members of the Special Committee to participate fully in its work in fulfilment of the mandate entrusted to it;

8. *Decides* that the Special Committee shall accept the participation in its meetings of observers of Member States and, paying due regard to its efficiency and the time at its disposal, allow their participation in the meetings of its working groups;

9. *Invites* Governments to submit or to bring up to date, if they deem it necessary, their observations and proposals, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3499 (XXX);

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all assistance to the Special Committee;

11. *Requests* the Special Committee to report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Special

⁵¹ Resolution 37/10.

⁵² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/37/33)*, para. 254.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/34/33)*, para. 13.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/37/33)*, para. 17.

⁴⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/37/1)*.

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 33 (A/37/33)*.

Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".

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37/115. Draft Declaration on Social and Legal Principles relating to the Protection and Welfare of Children, with Special Reference to Foster Placement and Adoption Nationally and Internationally

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/167 of 16 December 1981, whereby it decided, *inter alia*, that appropriate measures should be taken to finalize the draft Declaration on Social and Legal Principles relating to the Protection and Welfare of Children, with Special Reference to Foster Placement and Adoption Nationally and Internationally,

Noting, in this connection, the current efforts of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft Convention on the Rights of the Child,

Taking note of the decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council on the draft Declaration on Social and Legal Principles relating to the Protection and Welfare of Children, with Special Reference to Foster Placement and Adoption Nationally and Internationally,⁵⁵

Bearing in mind the reports of the Secretary-General, of 8 September 1980⁵⁶ and 19 October 1982,⁵⁷ which contains the views of Member States on the text of the draft Declaration,

Noting that section VI of the first of the above-mentioned reports⁵⁶ contains some proposed amendments and reformulations of certain articles based on comments by Member States,

Fully aware of the sovereign right of Governments to define their national and international policies as regards the protection and welfare of children, including foster placement and adoption,

Recognizing that it is the responsibility of Governments to determine the adequacy of their national services for children and to recognize those children whose needs are not being met by existing services,

Noting the usefulness of regional co-operation in matters regarding the well-being of children,

Recognizing that the best child welfare is good family welfare and that when family care is unavailable or inappropriate, substitute family care should be considered, in conformity with national legislation,

Convinced that adoption of the draft Declaration will promote the well-being of children with special needs,

Noting that the further views of Member States on the draft Declaration as well as on the amendments and reformulations of certain articles contained in section VI of the report of the Secretary-General⁵⁶ would provide helpful guidance for further efforts to elaborate a generally agreed draft Declaration,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To circulate to Member States, for their views, the draft Declaration on Social and Legal Principles relating to the Protection and Welfare of Children, with Special Reference to Foster Placement and Adoption Nationally and Internationally as well as the conclusions contained in the report of the Secretary-General;⁵⁶

(b) To submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report containing the views of Member States;

2. *Decides* to resume consideration of this item at its thirty-eighth session and to determine at that session the most appropriate course of further action.

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37/116. State of signatures and ratifications of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I) and the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts (Protocol II)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/44 of 8 December 1977 and 34/51 of 23 November 1979,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵⁸ on the state of signatures and ratifications of the two Protocols Additional⁵⁹ to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts,

Taking note of resolution VII of the Twenty-fourth International Red Cross Conference, adopted on 13 November 1981,

Convinced of the continuing value of established humanitarian rules relating to armed conflict and the need to secure the full observance of human rights in armed conflicts pending the earliest possible termination of such conflicts,

Noting the virtually universal acceptance of the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949⁶⁰ concerning the protection of victims of armed conflicts, and their binding character for all parties,

Noting further with appreciation the continuing efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross to disseminate information about the two additional Protocols,

Concerned, however, at the fact that so far only a limited number of States have signed, ratified or acceded to the two Protocols,

Mindful of the need for continued improvement of the implementation, and for further expansion, of the body of humanitarian rules relating to armed conflicts,

1. *Reiterates its call*, contained in resolution 34/51, to all States to consider without delay the matter of ratifying or acceding to the two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts;

2. *Calls upon* all States becoming parties to Protocol I to consider the matter of making the declaration provided for under article 90 of that Protocol;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the status of the Protocols based on information received from Member States;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session an item entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Secretary-General".

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⁵⁵ See A/C.3/36/3.

⁵⁶ A/35/336.

⁵⁷ A/37/146.

⁵⁸ A/34/445.

⁵⁹ A/32/144, annexes I and II.

⁶⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.