

Reaffirming the principle of self-determination of peoples enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of all peoples under colonial and racist régimes and other forms of alien domination, and upholding the legitimacy of their struggle, in particular the struggle of national liberation movements, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter and of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁹

1. *Deeply deplores* the loss of innocent human lives and the pernicious impact of acts of international terrorism on friendly relations among States as well as on international co-operation, including co-operation for development;

2. *Urges* all States, unilaterally and in co-operation with other States, as well as relevant United Nations organs to contribute to the progressive elimination of the causes underlying international terrorism;

3. *Invites* all States to take all appropriate measures at the national level with a view to the speedy and final elimination of the problem of international terrorism, such as the harmonization of domestic legislation with international conventions, the implementation of assumed international obligations and the prevention of the preparation and organization in their territory of acts directed against other States;

4. *Calls upon* all States to fulfil their obligations under international law to refrain from organizing, instigating, assisting or participating in acts of civil strife or terrorist acts in another State, or acquiescing in organized activities within their territory directed towards the commission of such acts;

5. *Appeals* to all States that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the existing international conventions relating to various aspects of the problem of international terrorism;

6. *Urges* all States to co-operate with one another more closely, especially through the exchange of relevant information concerning the prevention and combating of international terrorism, the apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrators of such acts, the conclusion of special treaties and/or the incorporation into appropriate bilateral treaties of special clauses, in particular regarding the extradition or prosecution of international terrorists;

7. *Re-endorses* the recommendations submitted by the *Ad Hoc* Committee on International Terrorism in its report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session relating to practical measures of co-operation for the speedy elimination of the problem of international terrorism;²⁰

8. *Calls upon* all States to observe and implement the recommendations submitted by the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow up, as appropriate, the implementation of the present resolution and, in particular, of the recommendations submitted by the *Ad Hoc* Committee and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

10. *Decides* to include the item in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session.

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38/131. Peaceful settlement of disputes between States

The General Assembly:

Having examined the item entitled "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States",

Recalling its resolution 37/10 of 15 November 1982, by which it approved the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, annexed thereto,

Deeply concerned at the continuation of conflict situations and the emergence of new sources of disputes and tension in international life, and especially at the growing tendency to resort to force or the threat of force and to intervention in internal affairs, and at the escalation of the arms race, which gravely endanger the independence and security of States as well as international peace and security,

Taking into account the need to exert the utmost effort in order to settle any situations and disputes between States exclusively by peaceful means and to avoid any military action and hostilities against other States, which can only make more difficult the solution of existing problems,

Considering that the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes should represent one of the central concerns for States and for the United Nations, and that efforts for strengthening the process of the peaceful settlement of disputes should be continued,

Taking note of the working paper on the establishment of a permanent commission on good offices, mediation and conciliation for the settlement of disputes and the prevention of conflicts among States,²¹ submitted to the General Assembly by Nigeria, the Philippines and Romania,

1. *Again urges* all States to observe and promote in good faith the provisions of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes in the settlement of their international disputes;

2. *Stresses* the need to continue efforts to strengthen the process of the peaceful settlement of disputes through the progressive development and codification of international law and through enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations in this field;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, during its session in 1984, to continue its work on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States and, in this context:

(a) To consider the proposal contained in the above-mentioned working paper;

(b) To continue, in conformity with the agreement reached by the Special Committee,²² consideration of the proposal concerning the elaboration of a handbook on the peaceful settlement of disputes between States;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of the report of the Special Committee,²² to prepare a preliminary outline of the possible content of a handbook on the peaceful settlement of disputes between States, which will comprise all the existing means and mechanisms available for the purpose, and to submit this outline to the Special Committee at its session in 1984;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States".

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¹⁹ A/38/355 and Add.1-3.

²⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/34/37), para. 118.

²¹ A/38/343, annex.

²² See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/38/33), paras. 109 and 110.