

Noting that many States have recognized those national liberation movements and have granted them facilities, privileges and immunities in their countries,

1. Urges all States that have not done so, in particular those which are hosts to international organizations or to conferences convened by, or held under the auspices of, international organizations of a universal character, to consider as soon as possible the question of ratifying, or acceding to, the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

2. Calls once more upon the States concerned to accord to the delegations of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States, and accorded observer status by international organizations, the facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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**41/72. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 32/44 of 8 December 1977, 34/51 of 23 November 1979, 37/116 of 16 December 1982 and 39/77 of 13 December 1984.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>5</sup> on the status of the Protocols Additional<sup>6</sup> to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts,

Convinced of the continuing value of established humanitarian rules relating to armed conflicts and the need to respect and ensure respect for these rules in all circumstances within the scope of the relevant international instruments pending the earliest possible termination of such conflicts,

Mindful of the need for consolidating and implementing the existing body of international humanitarian law and for the universal acceptance of such law.

Particularly mindful of the need to protect the civilian population, especially women and children, against the effects of hostilities, and of the role of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies and civil defence organizations in this respect,

Noting with appreciation the continuing efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross to promote and to disseminate knowledge of the two additional Protocols,

1. Notes with appreciation the virtually universal acceptance of the Geneva Conventions of 1949;<sup>7</sup>

2. Notes, however, the fact that so far a lesser number of States have become parties to the two additional Protocols;

3. Appeals to all States parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 to consider becoming parties also to the additional Protocols at the earliest possible date;

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

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a report on the status of the Protocols based on information received from Member States;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the 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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**41/73. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order**

*The General Assembly,*

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the General Assembly is called upon to initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also its resolutions 34/150 of 17 December 1979 and 35/166 of 15 December 1980, entitled "Consolidation and progressive development of the principles and norms of international economic law relating in particular to the legal aspects of the new international economic order", and its resolutions 36/107 of 10 December 1981, 37/103 of 16 December 1982, 38/128 of 19 December 1983, 39/75 of 13 December 1984 and 40/67 of 11 December 1985, entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order",

Bearing in mind the urgent need to adopt measures to reactivate the process of international economic co-operation and the negotiations undertaken for that purpose, particularly in view of the economic difficulties encountered by the developing countries,

Considering the close link between the establishment of a just and equitable international economic order and the existence of an appropriate legal framework,

Recognizing the need for the codification and progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order,

Reiterating the importance of the analytical study submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session

<sup>5</sup> A/41/535.

<sup>6</sup> A/32/144, annexes I and II.

<sup>7</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,<sup>8</sup>

1. *Urges* Member States that have not done so to submit their views and comments with respect to the analytical study;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To seek proposals of Member States concerning the most appropriate procedures to be adopted with regard to the consideration of the analytical study, as well as the codification and progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order;

(b) To include the proposals received in accordance with subparagraph (a) above in a report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

3. *Recommends* that the consideration of the most appropriate procedure for completing the elaboration of the process of codification and progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order, and of the forum that would be entrusted with the task, be undertaken by the General Assembly at its forty-second session, with a view to making a final decision after taking into account the proposals and suggestions made by Member States on the matter;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order".

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#### 41/74. Peaceful settlement of disputes between States

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* 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,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 38/131 of 19 December 1983, 39/79 of 13 December 1984 and 40/68 of 11 December 1985,

*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 actions 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 peaceful settlement of disputes should be continued,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the consideration by the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization of the proposal on the resort to a commission of good offices, mediation or conciliation within the United Nations<sup>9</sup> had constituted a positive step and revealed the existence of some elements on which general agreement may well be possible and that this should enable further progress on the proposal,

*Taking note* of the progress achieved in the preparation of a draft handbook on the peaceful settlement of disputes between States,<sup>10</sup>

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 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 1987, to continue its work on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States and, in this context:

(a) To continue the consideration of the working paper on the resort to a commission of good offices, mediation or conciliation within the United Nations<sup>11</sup> with the aim of submitting conclusions thereon to the General Assembly at the earliest possible date;

(b) To examine the progress report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of a draft handbook on the peaceful settlement of disputes between States;<sup>12</sup>

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the preparation of a draft handbook on the peaceful settlement of disputes between States, on the basis of the outline elaborated by the Special Committee and in the light of the views expressed in the course of the discussions in the Sixth Committee<sup>13</sup> and in the Special Committee,<sup>14</sup> and to report to the Special Committee at its session in 1987 on the progress of work before submitting to it the draft handbook in its final form, with a view to its approval at a later stage;

5. *Decides* that the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States shall be considered at its forty-second session as a separate agenda item, in conjunction with the item of the provisional agenda 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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<sup>9</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/41/33), sect. II.A.*

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. II.B.

<sup>11</sup> A/AC.182/L.47.

<sup>12</sup> A/AC.182/L.46.

<sup>13</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Sixth Committee, 15th to 21st, 47th and 48th meetings and corrigendum.*

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/41/33), sect. II.*

<sup>8</sup> A/39/504/Add.1, annex III.