

ing of the Role of the Organization, and its relevant resolutions adopted at subsequent sessions,³⁷

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh,³⁸ thirty-ninth,³⁹ fortieth,⁴⁰ forty-first⁴¹ and forty-second sessions,⁴² as well as of the views and comments expressed on them by Member States,

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 1987,⁴³

Expressing its appreciation for the progress achieved by the Special Committee during its 1987 session on the question of the prevention and removal of threats to peace and of situations that may lead to international friction or give rise to a dispute,

Noting with satisfaction that tangible progress has been achieved in the Special Committee on the proposal concerning the resort to a commission of good offices, mediation or conciliation within the United Nations,

Mindful of the efforts made in the elaboration of a draft handbook on the peaceful settlement of disputes between States,

Recognizing the importance that pre-session consultations among the members of the Special Committee and other interested States may have in facilitating the smooth conduct of the work of the Special Committee towards the fulfilment of its task, especially as regards the composition of the Bureau and the organization of work,

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. *Decides* that the Special Committee shall hold its next session from 22 February to 11 March 1988;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee at its session in 1988, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 5 below:

(a) To accord priority to the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations, in particular the Security Council, and, in this context:

(i) To complete an appropriate draft document on the prevention and removal of threats to peace and of situations that may lead to international friction or give rise to a dispute, on the basis of the provisionally adopted paragraphs as well as other proposals set forth in paragraphs 37, 46 and 102 of the report of the Special Committee on its work at the 1987 session;⁴³

(ii) To submit the draft document to the General Assembly at its forty-third session;

(b) To continue its work on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States, and, in this context:

(i) To continue consideration of the working paper⁴⁴ on the resort to a commission of good offices, mediation or conciliation within the United Nations, with a view to completing it and submitting conclusions thereon to the General Assembly at the earliest possible date;

(ii) To examine the report of the Secretary-General on the elaboration of a draft handbook on the peaceful settlement of disputes between States;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to keep the question of the rationalization of the procedures of the United Nations under active review;

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

6. *Decides* that the Special Committee shall accept the participation of observers of Member States, including in the meetings of its working groups;

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

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue, on a priority basis, 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 Committee⁴⁵ and in the Special Committee,⁴⁶ and to report to the Special Committee at its session in 1988 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;

9. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its forty-third session;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the 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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42/158. Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the determination of the peoples of the United Nations, as expressed in the Charter of the United Nations, to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours,

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, approved by its resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Recalling its resolutions 1236 (XII) of 14 December 1957, 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, 2129 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 34/99 of 14 December 1979, 36/101 of 9 December 1981, 37/117 of 16 December 1982, 38/126 of 19 December 1983, 39/78 of 13 December 1984 and 41/84 of 3 December 1986, as well as its decision 40/419 of 11 December 1985,

³⁷ 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, 36/122 of 11 December 1981, 37/114 of 16 December 1982, 38/141 of 19 December 1983, 39/88 of 13 December 1984, 40/78 of 11 December 1985 and 41/83 of 3 December 1986.

³⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/37/1).*

³⁹ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/39/1).*

⁴⁰ *Ibid.*, *Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/40/1).*

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, *Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/41/1).*

⁴² *Ibid.*, *Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/42/1).*

⁴³ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 33 (A/42/33).*

⁴⁴ A/AC.182/L.52/Rev.1.

⁴⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Sixth Committee, 23rd to 28th and 55th meetings, and corrigendum.*

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, *Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/42/33), sect. II.*

Bearing in mind that, for various reasons, there are particularly favourable opportunities for co-operation and mutual advantage between neighbouring countries in many fields and various forms, and that the development of such co-operation may have a positive influence on international relations as a whole,

Considering that the great changes of a political, economic and social nature, as well as the scientific and technological advances that have taken place in the world and led to unprecedented interdependence of nations, have given new dimensions to good-neighbourliness in the conduct of States and increased the need to develop and strengthen it,

Taking into account the working papers concerning the development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States, as well as the written replies sent by States and international organizations on the content of good-neighbourliness and on ways and means to enhance it,⁴⁷ the views expressed by States on this subject and the reports of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness set up by the Sixth Committee,⁴⁸

Recalling its opinion that it is necessary to continue to examine the question of good-neighbourliness in order to strengthen and develop its content, as well as ways and modalities to enhance its effectiveness, and that the results of this examination could be included, at an appropriate time, in a suitable international document,

1. *Reaffirms* that good-neighbourliness fully conforms with the purposes of the United Nations and shall be founded upon the strict observance of the principles of the United Nations as embodied in the Charter and in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and so presupposes the rejection of any acts seeking to establish zones of influence or domination;

2. *Calls once again upon* States, in the interest of the maintenance of international peace and security, to develop good-neighbourly relations, acting on the basis of these principles;

3. *Reaffirms* that the generalization of the long practice of good-neighbourliness and of principles and rules pertaining to it is likely to strengthen friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter;

4. *Takes note* of the report of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness,⁴⁹ which functioned within the Sixth Committee during the forty-second session of the General Assembly;

5. *Decides* to continue and to complete at its forty-third session, on the basis of the present resolution and the report of the Sub-Committee, the task of identifying and clarifying the elements of good-neighbourliness and to begin the elaboration of a suitable international document on the development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States within the framework of a sub-committee on good-neighbourliness;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States".

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⁴⁷ See A/36/376 and Add.1, A/37/476, A/38/336 and Add.1 and A/40/450 and Add.1 and 2.

⁴⁸ See A/C.6/40/L.28 and Corr.1, A/C.6/41/L.14 and A/C.6/42/L.6.

⁴⁹ A/C.6/42/L.6.

42/159. **Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes:**

(a) **Report of the Secretary-General;**

(b) **Convening, under the auspices of the United Nations, of an international conference to define terrorism and to differentiate it from the struggle of peoples for national liberation**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3034 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 31/102 of 15 December 1976, 32/147 of 16 December 1977, 34/145 of 17 December 1979, 36/109 of 10 December 1981 and 38/130 of 19 December 1983,

Reaffirming its resolution 40/61 of 9 December 1985, adopted without a vote, and the importance thereof in the consideration of the question of international terrorism and, in particular, in the strengthening of co-operation in preventing and eliminating terrorism,

Recalling the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on International Terrorism contained in its report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session,⁵⁰

Recalling also the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,⁵¹ the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security,⁵² the Definition of Aggression⁵³ and relevant instruments on international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflict,

Further recalling the existing international conventions relating to various aspects of the problem of international terrorism, *inter alia*, the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963,⁵⁴ the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at The Hague on 16 December 1970,⁵⁵ the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, concluded at Montreal on 23 September 1971,⁵⁶ the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted in New York on 14 December 1973,⁵⁷ and the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, adopted in New York on 17 December 1979,⁵⁸ as well as the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted at Vienna on 3 March 1980,

Convinced of the importance of the observance by States of their obligations under the relevant international conventions to ensure that appropriate law enforcement measures are taken in connection with the offences addressed in those conventions,

⁵⁰ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/34/37)*.

⁵¹ Resolution 2734 (XXV).

⁵² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 704, No. 10106.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, vol. 860, No. 12325.

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 974, No. 14118.

⁵⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 1035, No. 15410.

⁵⁶ Resolution 34/146, annex.