

45/42. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, by which it created the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law with a mandate to further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade and in that respect to bear in mind the interests of all peoples, in particular those of developing countries, in the extensive development of international trade, as well as its resolutions 43/166 of 9 December 1988 and 44/33 of 4 December 1989,

Reaffirming its conviction that the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law, in reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade, especially those affecting the developing countries, would significantly contribute to universal economic co-operation among all States on a basis of equality, equity and common interest and to the elimination of discrimination in international trade and, thereby, to the well-being of all peoples,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third session,¹⁶

Mindful of the valuable contribution to be rendered by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law within the framework of the United Nations Decade for International Law, particularly as regards the dissemination of international trade law,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third session;

2. Reaffirms the mandate of the Commission, as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of international trade law, to co-ordinate legal activities in this field in order to avoid duplication of effort and to promote efficiency, consistency and coherence in the unification and harmonization of international trade law and, in this connection, recommends that the Commission, through its secretariat, should continue to maintain close co-operation with the other international organs and organizations, including regional organizations, active in the field of international trade law;

3. Calls upon the Commission to continue to take account of the relevant provisions of the resolutions concerning the new international economic order, as adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth¹⁷ and seventh¹⁸ special sessions;

4. Reaffirms the importance, in particular for developing countries, of the work of the Commission concerned with training and assistance in the field of international trade law and the desirability for it to sponsor seminars and symposia, in particular those organized on a regional basis, to promote such training and assistance;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Commission's secretariat, to prepare a report with a view to analysing possible ways by which assis-

tance could be given to developing countries that are members of the Commission, in particular least developed countries, so that they may attend meetings of the Commission and its working groups, bearing in mind the arrangements that exist for United Nations bodies generally, pursuant to resolution 43/217, section IX, of 21 December 1988, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

6. Repeats its invitation to those States which have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the conventions elaborated under the auspices of the Commission.

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28 November 1990*

45/43. Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/36 of 4 December 1989, in which it noted that the International Law Commission, taking into account the written comments of Governments and views expressed in debates in the Assembly, had completed at its forty-first session the second reading of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and also had prepared a draft optional protocol on the status of the courier and the bag of special missions and a draft optional protocol on the status of the courier and the bag of international organizations of a universal character,¹⁹

1. Expresses its satisfaction at the useful informal consultations that were held during its forty-fifth session, pursuant to paragraph 2 of its resolution 44/36, to study the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and the draft optional protocols thereto, as well as the question of how to deal further with those draft instruments with a view to facilitating the reaching of a generally acceptable decision in the latter respect, and takes note of the oral report of the Chairman of the Sixth Committee on those consultations;²⁰

2. Decides that those informal consultations will be resumed at its forty-sixth session;

3. Also decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto".

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¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/45/17).

¹⁷ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

¹⁸ Resolution 3362 (S-VII).

¹⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/44/10)*, chap. II.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Forty-fifth Session, Sixth Committee, 42nd meeting, and corrigendum.