

4. *Declares further* that the unlawful detention of passengers and crew in transit or otherwise engaged in civil air travel is to be condemned as another form of wrongful interference with free and uninterrupted air travel;

5. *Urges* States to the territory of which a hijacked aircraft is diverted to provide for the care and safety of its passengers and crew and to enable them to continue their journey as soon as practicable, and to return the aircraft and its cargo to the persons lawfully entitled to possession;

6. *Invites* States to ratify or accede to the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963,¹² in conformity with the Convention;

7. *Requests* concerted action on the part of States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, towards suppressing all acts which jeopardize the safe and orderly development of international civil air transport;

8. *Calls upon* States to take joint and separate action, in accordance with the Charter, in co-operation with the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization to ensure that passengers, crew and aircraft engaged in civil aviation are not used as a means of extorting advantage of any kind;

9. *Urges* full support for the current efforts of the International Civil Aviation Organization towards the development and co-ordination, in accordance with its competence, of effective measures in respect of interference with civil air travel;

10. *Calls upon* States to make every possible effort to achieve a successful result at the diplomatic conference to convene at The Hague in December 1970 for the purpose of the adoption of a convention on the unlawful seizure of aircraft, so that an effective convention may be brought into force at an early date.

*1914th plenary meeting,
25 November 1970.*

2669 (XXV). Progressive development and codification of the rules of international law relating to international watercourses

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1401 (XIV) of 21 November 1959, by which it considered that it was desirable to initiate preliminary studies on the legal problems relating to the utilization and use of international rivers, and as a result of which useful legal material was collected in the report submitted by the Secretary-General on 15 April 1963,¹³

Considering that water, owing to the growth of population and the increasing and multiplying needs and demands of mankind, is of growing concern to humanity, that the available fresh water resources of the world are limited and that the preservation and protection of those resources are of great importance to all nations,

Conscious of the importance of legal problems relating to the use of international watercourses, *inter alia* with regard to international water resources development,

Recalling that despite the great number of bilateral treaties and other regional regulations, as well as the Convention on the Régime of Navigable Waterways of International Concern, signed at Barcelona on 20 April 1921,¹⁴ and the Convention relating to the Development of Hydraulic Power affecting more than one State, signed at Geneva on 9 December 1923,¹⁵ the use of international rivers and lakes is still based in part on general principles and rules of customary law,

Noting that measures have been taken and valuable work carried out by several international organs, both governmental and non-governmental, in order to further the development and codification of the law of international watercourses,

Convinced of the necessity to promote, in accordance with Article 13 of the Charter of the United Nations, the work on the progressive development and codification of the law of international watercourses and to concentrate this work within the framework of the United Nations,

1. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission should, as a first step, take up the study of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses with a view to its progressive development and codification and, in the light of its scheduled programme of work, should consider the practicability of taking the necessary action as soon as the Commission deems it appropriate;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue the study initiated by the General Assembly in resolution 1401 (XIV) in order to prepare a supplementary report on the legal problems relating to the utilization and use of international watercourses, taking into account the recent application in State practice and international adjudication of the law of international watercourses and also inter-governmental and non-governmental studies of this matter;

(b) To forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussion on the item at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly, the report prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 1401 (XIV), as well as the text of the present resolution and all other documentation necessary for the Commission's work.

*1920th plenary meeting,
8 December 1970.*

2697 (XXV). Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955 and 2285 (XXII) of 5 December 1967 on the procedure of reviewing the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling further its resolution 2552 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969 entitled "Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations",

¹⁴ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. VII (1921-1922), No. 172.

¹⁵ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XXXVI (1925), No. 905.

¹² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 704 (1969), No. 10106.

¹³ A/5409.

Having heard the different views expressed during the consideration of the item at its twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States to communicate to him, before 1 July 1972, their views and suggestions on the review of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session a report containing the views and suggestions of Member States communicated to him pursuant to paragraph 1 above;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled "Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations".

*1926th plenary meeting,
11 December 1970.*

2698 (XXV). United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law,¹⁶

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to carry out in 1971 the activities specified in his report, including the provision of:

(a) Fifteen fellowships at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) Current United Nations legal publications to institutions in developing countries which have previously received United Nations legal publications under the present Programme and to other institutions in developing countries for which requests for such publications are made by the Member States concerned;

2. *Further authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide assistance in the form of a travel grant for one participant from each developing country invited to the regional symposium to be held in Africa and to the regional training course to be organized in Latin America;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to promote training and assistance in international trade law within the framework of the Programme, in order to meet the need, particularly on the part of developing countries, for strengthening legal expertise in this field;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, especially as regards its efforts to develop the teaching of international law;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional symposia and training courses and in the con-

duct of the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the Institute;

6. *Notes with thanks* the offer of the Government of Ghana to provide facilities for the regional symposium to be held in Africa in 1971;

7. *Reiterates* its request to Member States and interested bodies and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme and expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1971 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1972 and subsequent years;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-sixth session an item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law".

*1926th plenary meeting,
11 December 1970.*

2723 (XXV). Review of the role of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations,

Considering the desirability of finding ways and means of enhancing the effectiveness of the Court,

Bearing in mind that a study of the Court will in no way impair its authority, but should seek to facilitate the greatest possible contribution by the Court to the advancement of the rule of law and the promotion of justice among nations,

1. *Invites* Member States and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice to submit to the Secretary-General, by 1 July 1971, views and suggestions concerning the role of the Court on the basis of the questionnaire to be prepared by the Secretary-General;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Court the records of the discussions and proposals in the Sixth Committee on this item;

3. *Invites* the Court to state its views, should it so desire;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report in the light of the opinions expressed by States and the Court, should the Court so desire;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-sixth session an item entitled "Review of the role of the International Court of Justice", with a view to taking such appropriate measures as may seem desirable.

*1931st plenary meeting,
15 December 1970.*

¹⁶ A/8130 and Corr.1.