

2327 (XXII). Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1815 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 1966 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, 2103 (XX) of 20 December 1965 and 2181 (XXI) of 12 December 1966, which affirm the importance of the progressive development and codification of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Recalling further that among the fundamental purposes of the United Nations are the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Considering that the faithful observance of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations is of paramount importance for the maintenance of international peace and security and the improvement of the international situation,

Considering further that the progressive development and codification of those principles, so as to secure their more effective application, would promote the realization of the purposes of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, which met at Cairo in 1964, recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a declaration on these principles as an important step towards the enhancement of the role of international law in present-day conditions,

Convinced of the significance of continuing the effort to achieve general agreement in the process of the elaboration of the seven principles of international law set forth in General Assembly resolution 1815 (XVII), but without prejudice to the applicability of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, with a view to the adoption of a declaration which would constitute a landmark in the progressive development and codification of those principles,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States,⁸ which met at Geneva from 17 July to 19 August 1967,

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States;

2. Expresses its appreciation to that Committee for the valuable work it has performed;

3. Decides to ask the Special Committee, as reconstituted by the General Assembly in resolution 2103 (XX), to meet in 1968 in New York, Geneva or any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General receives an invitation, in order to continue its work;

4. Requests the Special Committee, in the light of the debate which took place in the Sixth Committee during the seventeenth, eighteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second session of the General Assembly and in the 1964, 1966 and 1967 sessions of the Special Committee, to complete the formulation of:

(a) The principle that States shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity and political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations;

(b) The principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples;

5. Requests the Special Committee to consider proposals compatible with General Assembly resolution 2131 (XX) of 21 December 1965 on the principle concerning the duty not to intervene in matters within the domestic jurisdiction of any State, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, with the aim of widening the area of agreement already expressed in that resolution;

6. Calls upon the members of the Special Committee to devote their utmost efforts to ensuring the success of the Special Committee's session, in particular by undertaking, in the period preceding the session, such consultations and other preparatory measures as they may deem necessary;

7. Requests the Special Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session a comprehensive report on the principles entrusted to it;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to co-operate with the Special Committee in its task and to provide all the services, documentation and other facilities necessary for its work;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-third session an item entitled "Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations".

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2328 (XXII). Question of diplomatic privileges and immunities

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled:

"Question of diplomatic privileges and immunities:

"(a) Measures tending to implement the privileges and immunities of representatives of Member States to the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and to conferences convened by the United Nations and the privileges and immunities of the staff and of the Organization itself, as well as the obligations of States concerning the protection of diplomatic personnel and property;

"(b) Reaffirmation of an important immunity of representatives of Member States to the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and to conferences convened by the United Nations",

Recognizing the importance of the work of the organs of the United Nations and of conferences convened by it and also of the contribution of the Organization itself and its officials to the maintenance of peaceful relations and co-operation among States,

Conscious that the unimpeded functioning of the diplomatic channels for communication and consultation between Governments is vital to avoid dangerous misunderstanding and friction,

Recognizing that, for the independent exercise of their functions, it is essential that representatives of

⁸ *Ibid.*, agenda item 87, document A/6799.