

6. *Notes* that the Secretary-General has under study the questions raised in paragraphs 98 (b) and 98 (c) of the report of the International Law Commission;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussions on the Commission's report at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

*1738th plenary meeting,
11 December 1968.*

2419 (XXIII). Draft Convention on Special Missions

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Draft Convention on Special Missions",

Noting that it has not been possible for the General Assembly, in the time available at its twenty-third session, to complete the text of the Convention on Special Missions,

1. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session the item entitled "Draft Convention on Special Missions" with a view to the adoption of the Convention by the General Assembly at that session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the presence of the Special Rapporteur on Special Missions as an expert during the debates on the topic at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

*1746th plenary meeting,
18 December 1968.*

2420 (XXIII). Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression,²

Taking note of the progress made by the Special Committee in its consideration of the question of defining aggression and on the draft definition, as reflected in the report of the Special Committee,

Considering that it was not possible for the Special Committee to complete its consideration of the question of defining aggression and of the draft definition before the end of 1968,

Considering that in its resolution 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 the General Assembly recognized the widespread conviction of the need to expedite the definition of aggression,

1. *Decides* that the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII), as early as possible in 1969;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session an item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression".

*1746th plenary meeting,
18 December 1968.*

2421 (XXIII). Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session,³

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined its object and terms of reference,

Noting the chapter of the report of the Trade and Development Board on its seventh session⁴ concerning the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first session, and noting further that the Board expressed its appreciation of the Commission's report and commended the Commission for its programme of work,

Endorsing the statement in which the Trade and Development Board⁵ emphasized that the needs of developing countries should receive adequate attention in the programme of work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and stressed the importance of co-operation between the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Commission at the intergovernmental and secretariat levels,

Bearing in mind the wish expressed by many members of the Trade and Development Board at its seventh session that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should add international shipping legislation to its list of priority topics⁶ and also bearing in mind the activities of other agencies active in this field,

Noting with satisfaction that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law intends to carry out its work in co-operation with organs and organizations concerned with the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law and that such co-operation has already been initiated,

Convinced that the harmonization and unification of international trade law, in reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade, would significantly contribute to economic co-operation between countries and, thereby, to their well-being,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the financial and administrative implications of the establishment of a register of organizations and a register of texts in the field of international trade law,⁷

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

2. *Notes with approval* the programme of work established by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a register of organizations in accordance with directives laid down by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

4. *Approves* in principle the proposal to establish a register of the international instruments and other documents referred to in chapter V of the report of

³ *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/7216).

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 14 (A/7214), part two, chapter VII.

⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 165.

⁶ *Ibid.*, para. 74.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 88, document A/C.6/L.648; A/C.6/L.648/Add.1.

² *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 86, document A/7185/Rev.1.

the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and requests that the Commission should consider further at its second session the precise nature and scope of such a register in the light of the report of the Secretary-General and the discussions on the registers at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish the register referred to in paragraph 4 above in accordance with the further directives to be given by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its second session;

6. *Recommends* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should:

(a) Continue its work on the topics to which it decided to give priority, that is, the international sale of goods, international payments and international commercial arbitration;

(b) Consider the inclusion of international shipping legislation among the priority topics in its work programme;

(c) Consider opportunities for training and assistance in the field of international trade law, in the light of relevant reports of the Secretary-General;

(d) Keep its programme of work under constant review, bearing in mind the interests of all peoples, and particularly those of the developing countries, in the extensive development of international trade;

(e) Consider at its second session ways and means of promoting co-ordination of the work of organizations active in the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law and of encouraging co-operation among them;

(f) Consider, when appropriate, the possibility of issuing a yearbook which would make its work more readily available;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussions on the Commission's report at the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

*1746th plenary meeting,
18 December 1968.*

2463 (XXIII). 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, 2181 (XXI) of 12 December 1966 and 2327 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 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 the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States, so as to secure their more effective application, would promote the realization of the purposes of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind its resolution 2131 (XX) of 21 December 1965,

Convinced of the significance of continuing the effort to achieve general agreement in the process of 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 in New York from 9 to 30 September 1968,

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 the Special Committee for the valuable work it has performed;

3. *Decides* to ask the Special Committee, as reconstituted by General Assembly resolution 2103 (XX), to meet in 1969 in New York, Geneva or any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General receives an invitation, in order to continue and complete its work;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee, in the light of the debate which took place in the Sixth Committee during the previous and present sessions of the General Assembly and in the 1964, 1966, 1967 and 1968 sessions of the Special Committee, to endeavour to resolve, in the light of General Assembly resolution 2327 (XXII), all relevant questions relating to the formulation of the seven principles, in order to complete its work as far as possible, and to submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session;

5. *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;

6. *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;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth 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".

*1751st plenary meeting,
20 December 1968.*

⁸ *Ibid.*, Twenty-third Session, agenda item 87, document A/7326.