

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-fifth session an item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression".

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2550 (XXIV). 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,¹⁷

Considering that, in the conduct of the Programme, it is desirable to use as far as possible the resources and facilities made available by the international organizations concerned, by Member States and by others,

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to carry out in 1970 the activities specified in his report, and in particular to provide:

(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. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, particularly in respect of the assistance provided in the development of the teaching of international law;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional seminars and training courses, in the preparation of studies in international law and in the conduct of the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the Institute;

4. *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;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To pursue his consultations with the bodies concerned in order that regional seminars and training courses under the Programme should continue to include topics relating to international trade law, so as to meet the need for developing local expertise in international trade law, particularly in the developing countries;

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 91, document A/7740.

(b) To consult with the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law and with United Nations organs, specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions active in the field of international trade law concerning the feasibility of establishing, within their respective programmes at selected universities or other institutions in developing countries, regional institutes or chairs for training in the field of international trade law;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1970 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the Programme, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1971;

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

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2551 (XXIV). Forcible diversion of civil aircraft in flight

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned over acts of unlawful interference with international civil aviation,

Considering it necessary to recommend effective measures against hijacking in all its forms, or any other unlawful seizure or exercise of control of aircraft,

Mindful that such acts may endanger the life and health of passengers and crew in disregard of commonly accepted humanitarian considerations,

Aware that international civil aviation can only function properly in conditions guaranteeing the safety of its operations and the due exercise of the freedom of air travel,

1. *Calls upon* States to take every appropriate measure to ensure that their respective national legislations provide an adequate framework for effective legal measures against all kinds of acts of unlawful interference with, seizure of, or other wrongful exercise of control by force or threat thereof over, civil aircraft in flight;

2. *Urges* States in particular to ensure that persons on board who perpetrate such acts are prosecuted;

3. *Urges* full support for the efforts of the International Civil Aviation Organization directed towards the speedy preparation and implementation of a convention providing for appropriate measures, *inter alia*, with respect to making the unlawful seizure of civil aircraft a punishable offence and to the prosecution of persons who commit that offence;

4. *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 1963,¹⁸ in conformity with the Convention.

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¹⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 704 (1969), No. 10106.