

3. *Invites also* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to submit within the same period their written comments and observations on the said draft articles;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate, before the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly, the comments and observations submitted in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

5. *Expresses its desire* that an international convention be elaborated and concluded expeditiously on the basis of the draft articles adopted by the International Law Commission and in the light of the comments and observations submitted in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-seventh session an item entitled "Representation of States in their relations with international organizations";

III

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite comments from Member States before 1 April 1972 on the question of the protection of diplomats and to transmit them to the International Law Commission at its twenty-fourth session;

2. *Requests* the International Law Commission to study as soon as possible, in the light of the comments of Member States, the question of the protection and inviolability of diplomatic agents and other persons entitled to special protection under international law, with a view to preparing a set of draft articles dealing with offences committed against diplomats and other persons entitled to special protection under international law for submission to the General Assembly at the earliest date which the Commission considers appropriate.

*1999th plenary meeting,
3 December 1971.*

2781 (XXVI). 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 on the work of its session held in New York from 1 February to 5 March 1971,⁹

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 task at its session held in 1971,

Considering that in its resolutions 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 2420 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2549 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969 and 2644 (XXV) of 25 November 1970 the General Assembly recognized the widespread conviction of the need to expedite the definition of aggression,

Considering the urgency of bringing the work of the Special Committee to a successful conclusion and the

desirability of achieving the definition of aggression as soon as possible,

Noting also the common desire of the members of the Special Committee to continue their work on the basis of the results achieved and to arrive at a draft definition,

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 1972;

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

*1999th plenary meeting,
3 December 1971.*

2818 (XXVI). 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,

Recalling further that, in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, all Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered,

Emphasizing that, in conformity with that principle, as solemnly proclaimed in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, judicial settlement is one of the means to which States can have recourse in seeking a just settlement of their disputes,

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

Noting that the Court has undertaken a revision of its Rules,

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰ containing the replies received from certain Member States and from Switzerland to the questionnaire prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2723 (XXV) of 15 December 1970 and the text of the letter addressed to the Secretary-General by the President of the Court,

1. *Invites* Member States and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice which have not yet been able to do so to transmit to the Secretary-General, by 1 July 1972, their comments on the questionnaire prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2723 (XXV);

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit those comments to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Court the above-mentioned report,¹⁰ together with the summary records of the discussions held in the Sixth Committee on this subject at the twenty-sixth session;

⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/8419).

¹⁰ A/8382 and Add.1-4.