

*Mindful* of the principle of the inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by force and the inherent right of States to recover such territories by all the means at their disposal,

*Reaffirming* its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples for their freedom by all appropriate means at their disposal,

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear and Thermonuclear Weapons, contained in General Assembly resolution 1653 (XVI) of 24 November 1961,

*Recalling further* its resolution 2160 (XXI) of 30 November 1966 on the strict observance of the prohibition of the threat or use of force in international relations, and of the right of peoples to self-determination,

*Believing* that renunciation of the use or threat of force and prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons should be fully observed as a law of international life,

1. *Solemnly declares*, on behalf of the States Members of the Organization, their renunciation of the use or threat of force in all its forms and manifestations in international relations, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and the permanent prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons;

2. *Recommends* that the Security Council should take, as soon as possible, appropriate measures for the full implementation of the present declaration of the General Assembly.

2093rd plenary meeting  
29 November 1972

**2937 (XXVII).** Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 2093rd plenary meeting<sup>5</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Having noted* the application of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for admission to membership in the United Nations,<sup>6</sup>

*Having also noted* the special report of the Security Council in this regard,<sup>7</sup>

*Reaffirming* the principle of universality of membership of the United Nations in accordance with the Charter,

*Considering* that the People's Republic of Bangladesh is eligible for membership in the United Nations,

*Expresses the desire* that the People's Republic of Bangladesh will be admitted to membership in the United Nations at an early date.

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<sup>5</sup> Resolutions 2937 (XXVII) and 2938 (XXVII) were adopted simultaneously by the General Assembly without debate and without a vote following a statement by the President of the Assembly which appears in the verbatim record of the 2093rd plenary meeting (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Plenary Meetings, 2093rd meeting*, paras. 153-157).

<sup>6</sup> A/8754. For the printed text of this document, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1972*, document S/10759.

<sup>7</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 23, document A/8776.

**2938 (XXVII).** Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 2093rd plenary meeting<sup>5</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Having in mind* the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and Security Council resolution 307 (1971) of 21 December 1971,

*Having noted with satisfaction* the steps taken so far to facilitate the restoration of conditions of normalcy in the South Asian subcontinent, notably the Simla Agreement,

*Mindful* of the fact that the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949<sup>8</sup> require the release and repatriation of prisoners of war without delay after the cessation of active hostilities,

*Considering* that the solution of all outstanding problems, including the return of military and civilian personnel to their respective countries, is important for the establishment of a climate of peace and tranquillity in the area,

*Expressing the hope* that all parties will refrain from any act which could jeopardize the prospects of settlement and render more difficult eventual reconciliation,

*Expresses the desire* that the parties concerned make all possible efforts, in a spirit of co-operation and mutual respect, to reach a fair settlement of the issues that are still pending, and calls for the return of the prisoners of war in accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 307 (1971).

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29 November 1972

**2948 (XXVII).** Credentials of representatives to the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly

*The General Assembly*

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee,<sup>9</sup> except with regard to the credentials of the representatives of South Africa.

2104th plenary meeting  
8 December 1972

**2949 (XXVII).** The situation in the Middle East

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East",

*Having received* the report of the Secretary-General of 15 September 1972 on the activities of his Special Representative to the Middle East,<sup>10</sup>

<sup>8</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

<sup>9</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document A/8921.

<sup>10</sup> A/8815. For the printed text of this document, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-seventh Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1972*, document S/10792.