

5. The use of mercenaries by colonial and racist régimes against the national liberation movements struggling for their freedom and independence from the yoke of colonialism and alien domination is considered to be a criminal act and the mercenaries should accordingly be punished as criminals.

6. The violation of the legal status of the combatants struggling against colonial and alien domination and racist régimes in the course of armed conflicts entails full responsibility in accordance with the norms of international law.

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### 3104 (XXVIII). United Nations Conference on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 2929 (XXVII) of 28 November 1972 by which it decided that an international conference of plenipotentiaries should be convened in 1974 to consider the question of prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate,

Recalling further that, in the foregoing resolution, it referred to the conference, as the basis for its consideration, the draft convention on prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods as contained in chapter II of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session,<sup>22</sup> together with the commentary thereon and such comments and proposals as may be submitted by Governments and interested international organizations,

Reaffirming the conviction, expressed in the foregoing resolution, that the harmonization and unification of national rules governing prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods would contribute to the removal of obstacles to the development of world trade,

*Requests the Secretary-General:*

(a) To convene the United Nations Conference on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 20 May to 14 June 1974;

(b) To provide summary records of the proceedings of the plenary meetings of the Conference and of meetings of committees of the whole which the Conference may wish to establish;

(c) To invite, in full compliance with General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971, States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, as well as the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, to participate in the Conference;

(d) To invite interested specialized agencies and international organizations, as well as the United Nations Council for Namibia, to attend the Conference as observers;

(e) To draw the attention of the States and other participants, referred to in subparagraphs (c) and (d)

above, to the desirability of appointing as their representatives persons especially competent in the field to be considered;

(f) To place before the Conference all relevant documentation and recommendations relating to methods of work and procedure, and to arrange for adequate staff and facilities required for the Conference;

(g) To report on the results achieved by the Conference to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session.

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### 3105 (XXVIII). 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 sixth session,<sup>23</sup> held at Geneva from 25 April to 30 May 1973,

Noting the progress so far achieved by the Special Committee in its consideration of the question of defining aggression and on the draft definition, as reflected in its report,

Believing that such progress makes it a practical possibility for the Special Committee to elaborate a generally acceptable draft definition of aggression at its next session,

Considering that it was not possible for the Special Committee to complete its task at its sixth session,

Considering that, in its resolutions 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 2420 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2549 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2644 (XXV) of 25 November 1970, 2781 (XXVI) of 3 December 1971 and 2967 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972, 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 with due speed at a draft definition in a spirit of mutual understanding and accommodation,

1. *Decides* that the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII), early in 1974 in New York, with a view to completing its task and to submitting to the Assembly at the twenty-ninth session a draft definition of aggression;

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

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<sup>22</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/8717), paras. 21 and 22.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/9019).