

3. *Invites* the Governments which have not yet done so to communicate their comments or suggestions or to bring them up to date, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/9;

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

5. *Invites* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations".

61st plenary meeting
9 November 1979

34/51. State of signatures and ratifications of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 concerning the respect for human rights in armed conflicts

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/44 of 8 December 1977,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the state of signatures and ratifications of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 concerning the respect for human rights in armed conflicts,⁴

Noting the fact that thus far only a limited number of States have ratified or acceded to the two Protocols,

Convinced of the continuing value of established humanitarian rules relating to armed conflict and the need to secure the full observance of human rights in armed conflicts pending the earliest possible termination of such conflicts,

Mindful of the need for continued improvement and further expansion of the body of humanitarian rules relating to armed conflict, of which the two Protocols form part,

Noting in this context the importance of the United Nations Conference on Prohibitions or Restrictions of Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, whose first meeting was held in September 1979 and whose second meeting is to be held in 1980,

1. *Reiterates* its call contained in resolution 32/44 that all States should consider without delay the matter of ratifying or acceding to the two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 concerning the respect for human rights in armed conflicts;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly annually, preferably at the beginning of each calendar year, of the state of ratifications of and accessions to the two Protocols with a view to enabling the Assembly to consider the matter at a later stage if it deems it appropriate.

76th plenary meeting
23 November 1979

⁴ A/34/445.

34/141. Report of the International Law Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirty-first session,⁵

Emphasizing the need for the progressive development of international law and its codification in order to make it a more effective means of implementing the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations⁶ and to give increased importance to its role in relations among States,

Noting with appreciation that at its thirty-first session the International Law Commission, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/139 of 19 December 1978, completed the first reading of the draft articles on succession of States in respect of matters other than treaties,

Noting further with appreciation the progress made by the International Law Commission in the preparation of draft articles on State responsibility and on treaties concluded between States and international organizations or between international organizations, as well as the work done by it regarding the study of the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses, jurisdictional immunities of States and their property, the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and the review of the multilateral treaty-making process,

Taking note of the decision of the Swiss Federal Council on the question of the privileges and immunities of the members of the International Law Commission,⁷

Welcoming the considerations and recommendations contained in the report of the International Law Commission regarding the programme and methods of work of the Commission with a view to the timely and effective fulfilment of the tasks entrusted to it.

Recognizing the importance of referring legal and drafting questions to the Sixth Committee, including topics which might be submitted to the International Law Commission, thus enabling the Commission further to enhance its contribution to the progressive development of international law and its codification,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirty-first session, including the fact of the transmittal to the Secretary-General of the Commission's observations on the techniques and procedures used in the elaboration of multilateral treaties as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/48 of 8 December 1977;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for the work accomplished at that session;

3. *Approves* the programme of work planned by the International Law Commission for 1980;⁸

4. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission should:

(a) Continue its work on succession of States in respect of matters other than treaties with the aim of completing, at its thirty-second session, the study of

⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/34/10 and Corr.1).

⁶ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

⁷ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/34/10 and Corr.1), para. 12.

⁸ Ibid., paras. 201-206.