

Desirous of ensuring the effective participation of the above-mentioned national liberation movements as observers in the work of international organizations and of regulating, to that end, their status and the facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions,

1. *Invites* all States that have not done so, in particular those that are hosts to international organizations or to conferences convened by, or held under the auspices of, international organizations of a universal character, to consider as soon as possible the question of ratifying, or acceding to, the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

2. *Calls once more upon* the States concerned to accord to the delegations of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States, and accorded observer status by international organizations, the facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*107th plenary meeting
16 December 1982*

37/105. Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/9 of 8 November 1976, in which it invited Member States to examine further the draft World Treaty on the Non-Use of Force in International Relations¹⁶ as well as other proposals made during the consideration of this item,

Recalling also its resolution 32/150 of 19 December 1977, by which it established the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations,

Recalling, in particular, its resolutions 33/96 of 16 December 1978, 34/13 of 9 November 1979, 35/50 of 4 December 1980 and 36/31 of 13 November 1981, in which it decided that the Special Committee should continue its work,

Taking note of the statement made by the Chairman of the Special Committee at its session in 1982,¹⁷

Having considered the report of the Special Committee,¹⁸

Taking into account that the Special Committee has not completed the mandate entrusted to it,

Reaffirming the need for universal and effective application of the principle of the non-use of force in international relations and for assistance by the United Nations in this endeavour,

Expressing the hope that the Special Committee will, on the basis of the proposals before it, complete the mandate entrusted to it as soon as possible,

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/34/41 and Corr.1), annex.*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/37/41), para. 372.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 41 (A/37/41).

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations;

2. *Decides* that the Special Committee shall continue its work with the goal of drafting, at the earliest possible date, a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations as well as the peaceful settlement of disputes or such other recommendations as the Committee deems appropriate;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee, in order to ensure further progress in its work, to begin at its forthcoming session, as the next step, the elaboration of the formulas of the working paper containing the main elements of the principle of non-use of force in international relations, taking duly into account the proposals submitted to it and, in particular, the efforts undertaken at its session in 1982;

4. *Invites* the Governments that 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;

5. *Requests* the Special Committee to be mindful of the importance of reaching general agreement whenever it has significance for the outcome of its work;

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

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

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

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37/106. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifteenth session,¹⁹

Recalling that the object of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law is the promotion of the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law,

Recalling, in this regard, its resolutions 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined the object and terms of reference of the Commission, 3108 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, by which it increased the membership of the Commission, 34/142 of 17 December 1979, by which the co-ordinating function of the Commission in the field of international trade law was emphasized, and 36/32 of 13 November 1981, by which the importance of the participation of observers from all States and interested international organizations at sessions of the Commission and its Working Groups was affirmed, as well as its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Commission on the work of its annual sessions,

Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/37/17 and Corr.1 and 2).

Reaffirming its conviction that the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law, in reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade, especially those affecting the developing countries, would significantly contribute to universal economic co-operation among all States on a basis of equality, equity and common interests and to the elimination of discrimination in international trade and, thereby, to the well-being of all peoples.

Having regard for the need to take into account the different social and legal systems in harmonizing the rules of international trade law,

Bearing in mind its resolution 36/111 of 10 December 1981 concerning the draft articles on most-favoured-nation clauses,

Stressing the usefulness and importance of sponsoring symposia and seminars, including those organized on a regional basis, for promoting better knowledge and understanding of international trade law and, especially, for the training of lawyers from developing countries in this field,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifteenth session;

2. *Commends* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the progress made in its work and for its efforts to enhance the efficiency of its working methods;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, in particular its Working Group on the New International Economic Order, to continue to take account of the relevant provisions of the resolutions concerning the new international economic order, as adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the completion by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, through its Working Group on the New International Economic Order, of the examination of studies related to clauses in contracts for the supply and construction of large industrial works, preparatory to the commencement of work on drafting a legal guide identifying the legal issues involved in such contracts and suggesting possible solutions to assist parties, in particular from developing countries, in their negotiations;²⁰

5. *Notes* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law has adopted a provision for a universal unit of account for expressing monetary amounts in international transport and liability conventions and two alternative provisions for adjustment of the limits of liability in such conventions;²¹

6. *Notes with appreciation* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law has approved recommended guidelines for arbitral institutions and other relevant bodies to assist them in adopting procedures for acting as appointing authority or for providing administrative services in cases to be conducted under the Commission's Arbitration Rules;²²

7. *Reaffirms* the mandate of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of international trade law to co-ordinate legal activities in this field in order to avoid duplication of efforts and to promote efficiency,

consistency and coherence in the unification and harmonization of international trade law, and, in this connection:

(a) Recommends that the Commission should continue to maintain close co-operation with the other international organs and organizations active in the field of international trade law, in particular the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Law Commission, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Commission on Transnational Corporations;

(b) Reaffirms the importance of the participation of observers from all States and interested international organizations at sessions of the Commission and its Working Groups;

8. *Reaffirms* the importance of bringing into effect the conventions emanating from the work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the global unification and harmonization of international trade law;

9. *Reaffirms also* the importance, in particular for the developing countries, of the work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law concerned with training and assistance in the field of international trade law and the desirability for the Commission to sponsor symposia and seminars, in particular those organized on a regional basis, to promote training and assistance in the field of international trade law, and, in this connection:

(a) Welcomes the decision of the Commission to continue to explore various possibilities of collaborating with other organizations and institutions in the organization of regional seminars and also to use those occasions for the promotion of legal texts emanating from its work;

(b) Expresses its appreciation to those States that have made financial contributions to be used towards the financing of symposia and seminars and of other aspects of the training and assistance programme of the Commission;

(c) Expresses its appreciation to those Governments and institutions that are arranging seminars or symposia in the field of international trade law, and endorses the request of the Commission that its secretariat be supplied with copies of papers or proceedings in connection with these seminars or symposia in order to assist in the further planning of regional seminars;

(d) Invites Governments, relevant United Nations organs, organizations, institutions and individuals to assist the secretariat of the Commission in financing and organizing symposia and seminars;

10. *Recommends* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should continue its work on the topics included in its programme of work;

11. *Reaffirms* the importance of the programme of work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

12. *Reaffirms also* the importance of the increasing role of the International Trade Law Branch of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat as the substantive secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law in assisting in the implementation of the work programme of the Commission;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussion at the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly relating to the report of the Commission on the work of its fifteenth session.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, paras. 90-97.

²¹ *Ibid.*, para. 63; see also resolution 37/107.

²² *Ibid.*, paras. 74-85.