

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for the completion of the analytical study on the progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Urges* Member States to submit, not later than 30 June 1985, their views and comments on the study, including proposals concerning further action and procedures to be adopted within the framework of the Sixth Committee with regard to the consideration of the analytical study;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order".

99th plenary meeting  
13 December 1984

**39/76. Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 35/167 of 15 December 1980 and 37/104 of 16 December 1982,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974, 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>3</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the resolution of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations relating to the observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States,<sup>4</sup>

*Noting* that the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character, of 14 March 1975,<sup>5</sup> regulates only the representation of States in their relations with international organizations,

*Taking into account* the continued and uninterrupted current practice of inviting the above-mentioned national liberation movements to participate as observers in the sessions of the General Assembly, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and in the work of the conferences held under the auspices of such international organizations,

*Convinced* that the participation of the national liberation movements referred to above in the work of international organizations helps to strengthen international peace and co-operation,

*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. *Urges* all States that have not done so, in particular those which 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 forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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**39/77. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 32/44 of 8 December 1977, 34/51 of 23 November 1979 and 37/116 of 16 December 1982,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>6</sup> on the status of the Protocols Additional<sup>7</sup> to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts,

*Convinced* of the continuing value of established humanitarian rules relating to armed conflicts and the need to respect and ensure respect for these rules in all circumstances within the scope of the relevant international instruments pending the earliest possible termination of such conflicts,

*Mindful* of the need for continued improvement of the implementation, and for further expansion, of the body of humanitarian rules relating to armed conflicts,

*Particularly mindful* of the importance of the protection of the civilian population, especially women and children, against the effects of hostilities,

*Noting* the virtually universal acceptance of the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949<sup>8</sup> concerning the protection of victims of armed conflicts, and their binding character for all parties,

*Aware*, however, of the fact that so far only a limited number of States have signed, ratified or acceded to the two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions,

*Noting at the same time with appreciation* the continuing efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross to promote and to disseminate knowledge of the two additional Protocols,

1. *Reiterates its call*, contained in resolutions 34/51 and 37/116, to all States to consider at the earliest possible date the matter of ratifying or acceding to the two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts;

<sup>2</sup> A/39/504/Add.1, annex III.

<sup>3</sup> A/39/437.

<sup>4</sup> See *Official Records of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations*, Vienna, 4 February-14 March 1975, vol. II (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.V.12), document A/CONF.67/15, annex.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. II, p. 207.

<sup>6</sup> A/39/465.

<sup>7</sup> A/32/144, annexes I and II.

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