

2. *Urges* the Member States which have not yet done so to reply as soon as possible to the questions put by the General Assembly in paragraph 4 of resolution 375 (IV);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish the comments and suggestions which will be furnished by Member States, for such use as the General Assembly may find desirable at any later stage.

*352nd plenary meeting,
7 December 1951.*

597 (VI). Consideration of the methods and procedures of the General Assembly for dealing with legal and drafting questions

The General Assembly,

Considering that various ideas were expressed during the debate on the methods and procedures for dealing with legal and drafting questions, and in the draft resolutions and amendments submitted to the Sixth Committee concerning the scope of the problems, the methods for their solution and the nature of these methods, all of which testify to the complexity of the problems raised,

Believing that in the circumstances further study of all the problems involved is necessary,

1. *Establishes* a special committee of fifteen members consisting of one representative of each of the following Member States: Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Venezuela, to meet at the Headquarters of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee to consider the documents, draft resolutions and amendments submitted to the Sixth Committee, as well as the records of its debates, to study the question further and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventh session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to carry out appropriate studies, to collaborate closely with the Special Committee and to submit to it, as he may consider appropriate, proposals for the handling of the problems dealt with in the present resolution.

*356th plenary meeting,
20 December 1951.*

598 (VI). Reservations to multilateral conventions

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the provisions of its resolution 478 (V) of 16 November 1950, which (1) requested the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion regarding reservations to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and (2) invited the International Law Commission to study the question of reservations to multilateral conventions,

Noting the Court's advisory opinion² of 28 May 1951 and the Commission's report,³ both rendered pursuant to the said resolution,

1. *Recommends* that organs of the United Nations, specialized agencies and States should, in the course of preparing multilateral conventions, consider the insertion therein of provisions relating to the admissibility or non-admissibility of reservations and to the effect to be attributed to them;

2. *Recommends* to all States that they be guided in regard to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide by the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 28 May 1951;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) In relation to reservations to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, to conform his practice to the advisory opinion of the Court of 28 May 1951;

(b) In respect of future conventions concluded under the auspices of the United Nations of which he is the depositary:

(i) To continue to act as depositary in connexion with the deposit of documents containing reservations or objections, without passing upon the legal effect of such documents; and

(ii) To communicate the text of such documents relating to reservations or objections to all States concerned, leaving it to each State to draw legal consequences from such communications.

*360th plenary meeting,
12 January 1952.*

599 (VI). Question of defining aggression

The General Assembly,

Considering that, under resolution 378 B (V) of 17 November 1950, it referred the question of defining aggression, raised in the draft resolution⁴ of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the International Law Commission for examination in conjunction with matters which were under consideration by that Commission,

Considering that the International Law Commission did not in its report⁵ furnish an express definition of aggression but merely included aggression among the offences defined in its draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind,

Considering that the General Assembly, on 13 November 1951, decided⁶ not to examine the draft Code at its sixth session but to include it in the provisional agenda of its seventh session,

Considering that, although the existence of the crime of aggression may be inferred from the circumstances peculiar to each particular case, it is nevertheless pos-

² See document A/1874.

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 9.*

⁴ *Ibid.*, Fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 72, document A/C.1/608.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 9.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Plenary Meetings, 342nd meeting, para. 42.

sible and desirable, with a view to ensuring international peace and security and to developing international criminal law, to define aggression by reference to the elements which constitute it,

Considering further that it would be of definite advantage if directives were formulated for the future guidance of such international bodies as may be called upon to determine the aggressor,

1. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its seventh session the question of defining aggression;

2. *Instructs* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventh session a report in which the question of defining aggression shall be thoroughly discussed in the light of the views expressed in the Sixth Committee at the sixth session of the General Assembly and which shall duly take into account the draft resolutions and amendments submitted concerning this question;

3. *Requests* States Members, when transmitting their observations on the draft Code to the Secretary-General, to give in particular their views on the problem of defining aggression.

*368th plenary meeting,
31 January 1952.*

600 (VI). Review of the Statute of the International Law Commission

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 484 (V) of 12 December 1950 in which it asked the International Law Commission for "recommendations... concerning revisions of the Statute which may appear desirable, in the light of experience, for the promotion of the Commission's work",

Considering that, according to the report covering the work of its third session, the said Commission, in pursuance of the General Assembly's resolution, recommended⁷ that, at the time of the next election of its members, the Commission should be placed on a full-time basis,

1. *Notes* the observations and recommendations contained in chapter V of the report of the International Law Commission;

2. *Expresses appreciation* for the work done by the Commission pursuant to the terms of its Statute;

3. *Decides*, for the time being, not to take any action in respect of the revision of the said Statute until it has acquired further experience of the functioning of the Commission.

*368th plenary meeting,
31 January 1952.*

601 (VI). Report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its third session (chapters VI, VII and VIII)

The General Assembly,

Pending its consideration of the questions dealt with in chapters VI, VII and VIII of the report⁸ of the In-

ternational Law Commission covering the work of its third session,

Notes the progress of the Commission's work on those questions.

*368th plenary meeting,
31 January 1952.*

602 (VI). Ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report⁹ of the Secretary-General on ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available.

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that a *répertoire* relating to the interpretation of the Charter is already under way;

2. *Instructs* the Secretary-General to continue his studies relating to the best methods for securing for the United Nations the required national legislative material;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventh session a report containing detailed plans as to the form, contents and budgetary implications in regard to the possible publication of:

(a) A United Nations juridical yearbook, taking into account the suggestions made during the debates in the Sixth Committee;

(b) A consolidated index to the League of Nations *Treaty Series*;

(c) A list of treaty collections supplementary to those already existing;

(d) A volume containing a *répertoire* of the practice of the Security Council.

*369th plenary meeting,
1 February 1952.*

603 (VI). Designation of non-member States to which a certified copy of the Revised General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes shall be communicated by the Secretary-General for the purpose of accession to this Act

The General Assembly,

Considering that only three Members of the United Nations have become parties to the Revised General Act for the Pacific Settlement of International Dis-

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9.

⁸ *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 53, document A/1934.

⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 9, para. 67.