

velopment, should include in its final report to the Assembly at its special session in 1980 suggestions and recommendations, relevant to the preparatory work assigned to it in Assembly resolution 34/138, which may result from the consideration of the above-mentioned proposals and from others which may be presented to it, taking into account the interrelationship of the issues.

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34/140. Drafting of an international convention against activities of mercenaries

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned about the increasing menace which the activities of mercenaries represent for all States, particularly African States and other small developing States of the world,

Recognizing that mercenarism is a threat to international peace and security and, like murder, piracy and genocide, is a universal crime against humanity,

Recalling its resolutions 2395 (XXIII) of 29 November 1968, 2465 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 2548 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 2708 (XXV) of 14 December 1970 and 3103 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, in which it affirmed the precariousness of the activities of mercenaries in Africa and their effect on international peace and security,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 239 (1967) of 10 July 1967, 405 (1977) of 14 April 1977 and 419 (1977) of 24 November 1977, in which the Council, *inter alia*, condemned any State which persisted in permitting or tolerating the recruitment of mercenaries, and the provision of facilities to them, with the objective of overthrowing the Governments of States Members of the United Nations,

Recalling further the relevant resolutions of the Organization of African Unity and the Convention adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its fourteenth ordinary session, held at Libreville from 2 to 5 July 1977, condemning and outlawing mercenarism and its adverse effects on the independence and territorial integrity of African States,

Deploring the increased recruitment, training, assembly, transit and use of mercenaries for the purpose of overthrowing Governments of Member States and of fighting against the national liberation movements of peoples which are struggling against colonial domination or alien occupation or racist régimes in the exercise of their right of self-determination, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,⁹⁴

Calling upon all States to exercise the utmost vigilance against the menace posed by the activities of mercenaries and to ensure by both administrative and legislative measures that their territory and other territories under their control, as well as their nationals, are not used for the planning of subversion and recruitment, assembly, financing, training and transit of mercenaries designed to subvert or overthrow the Government of any Member State and to fight the national liberation movements of peoples which are struggling against colonial domination or alien occupation or racist régimes in the exercise of

their right of self-determination, as enshrined in the Charter and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to consider the drafting of an international convention to outlaw mercenarism in all its manifestations;

2. *Urges* all States to consider effective measures to prohibit the recruitment, training, assembly, transit and use of mercenaries within their territories;

3. *Invites* all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General before the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly their views and comments on the need to elaborate urgently an international convention to prohibit the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "Drafting of an international convention against the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries".

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34/192. Question of Southern Rhodesia⁹⁵

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe),

Having examined the relevant chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,⁹⁶

Having heard the statements of the representative of the administering Power,⁹⁷

Having heard also the statements of the representatives of the Patriotic Front⁹⁸ who participated in an observer capacity in the consideration of the item,

Recalling its resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration, as well as all other resolutions relating to the question of Southern Rhodesia adopted by the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Special Committee,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the United Nations in support of the struggle of the people of Southern Rhodesia for the exercise of their inalienable right to self-determination and independence,

Bearing in mind that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the administering Power, has the primary responsibility for decolonizing Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) in conformity with resolution 1514 (XV) and putting an end to the critical situation which, as repeatedly affirmed by

⁹⁵ See also sect. X.B.6, decision 34/424.

⁹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/34/23/Rev.1)*, chaps. V-VIII.

⁹⁷ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fourth Session, Fourth Committee*, 29th meeting, paras. 5-17, and 36th meeting, paras. 29-33; and *ibid.*, *Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum. For the full text of the statement made at the 29th meeting, see A/C.4/34/L.27.

⁹⁸ *Ibid.*, 26th meeting, paras. 9-23, and 31st meeting, paras. 11-19; and *ibid.*, *Fourth Committee, Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum. For the full texts, see A/C.4/34/L.26 and 28.

⁹⁴ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.