

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 opinion<sup>2</sup> of 28 May 1951 and the Commission's report,<sup>3</sup> 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 resolution<sup>4</sup> 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 report<sup>5</sup> 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, decided<sup>6</sup> 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-

<sup>2</sup> See document A/1874.

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

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

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 9.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, Plenary Meetings, 342nd meeting, para. 42.