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Peaceful settlement of disputes

Proposal by the Philippines on the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

Draft recommendation

The General Assembly,

Acknowledging that 15 November 2022 will mark the fortieth anniversary of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution [37/10](#) of 15 November 1982, which was adopted without a vote,

Recalling that the Manila Declaration was negotiated on the initiative of Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, the Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone and Tunisia and on the basis of a text prepared by the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization,

Recalling also that the Manila Declaration was the first instrument adopted by the General Assembly as a result of the work of the Special Committee,

Recalling further that the Manila Declaration is a landmark declaration on the peaceful settlement of international disputes, building upon the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its Article 33,

Recalling that the International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations,

1. *Recognizes* the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes as a concrete accomplishment of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, and welcomes the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration;



2. *Reiterates its call* to all States to observe and promote in good faith the Manila Declaration in the peaceful settlement of their international disputes;
 3. *Encourages* the United Nations and all Member States to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Manila Declaration through appropriate activities;
 4. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution shall be met from voluntary contributions;
 5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and all relevant stakeholders for observance.
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