

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE**

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**1399 (XIV). Report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its eleventh session**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its eleventh session,<sup>1</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* of the work done by the Commission.

*842nd plenary meeting,  
21 November 1959.*

**1400 (XIV). Codification of the principles and rules of international law relating to the right of asylum**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that it is desirable to standardize the application of the principles and rules relating to the right of asylum,

*Recalling* that the International Law Commission at its first session included the right of asylum in the provisional list of topics of international law selected for codification,<sup>2</sup>

*Requests* the International Law Commission, as soon as it considers it advisable, to undertake the codification of the principles and rules of international law relating to the right of asylum.

*842nd plenary meeting,  
21 November 1959.*

**1401 (XIV). Preliminary studies on the legal problems relating to the utilization and use of international rivers**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that it is desirable to initiate preliminary studies on the legal problems relating to the utilization and use of international rivers with a view to determining whether the subject is appropriate for codification,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and circulate to Member States a report containing:

(a) Information provided by Member States regarding their laws and legislation in force in the matter and, when necessary, a summary of such information;

(b) A summary of existing bilateral and multilateral treaties;

(c) A summary of decisions of international tribunals, including arbitral awards;

(d) A survey of studies made or being made by non-governmental organizations concerned with international law.

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**1450 (XIV). International conference of plenipotentiaries on diplomatic intercourse and immunities**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that, by its resolution 1288 (XIII) of 5 December 1958, it decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fourteenth session the question entitled "Diplomatic intercourse and immunities" with a view to the early conclusion of a convention on diplomatic intercourse and immunities,

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/4169).*

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid., Fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/925), para. 14.*

*Believing* that the codification of the rules of international law in this field would assist in promoting the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convoked to consider the question of diplomatic intercourse and immunities and to embody the results of its work in an international convention, together with such ancillary instruments as may be necessary;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convoke the conference at Vienna not later than the spring of 1961;

3. *Invites* all States Members of the United Nations, States members of the specialized agencies and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice to participate in the conference and to include among their representatives experts competent in the field to be considered;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the interested inter-governmental organizations to send observers to the conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the conference all relevant documentation, and recommendations relating to its methods of work and procedures and to other questions of an administrative nature;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange also for the necessary staff and facilities which would be required for the conference;

7. *Refers* to the conference chapter III of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its tenth session,<sup>3</sup> as the basis for its consideration of the question of diplomatic intercourse and immunities;

8. *Expresses the hope* that the conference will be fully attended.

847th plenary meeting,  
7 December 1959.

#### 1451 (XIV). Question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1291 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 regarding the question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the matter,<sup>4</sup>

*Considering* that it would be highly desirable that documentary materials of a legal character relating to the United Nations should be made available in a yearly volume for the use of Governments as well as organizations and all persons interested in the development of international law,

1. *Decides* that a United Nations juridical yearbook which would include documentary materials of a legal character relating to the United Nations should be published;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as a first step, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session containing a detailed outline of such a yearbook;

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/3859 and Corr.1).

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 57, document A/4151.

3. *Decides* to consider this report at its fifteenth session.

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#### 1452 (XIV). Reservations to multilateral conventions: the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Reservations to multilateral conventions: the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization", as well as India's instrument of acceptance of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>5</sup>

*Noting* that the Secretary-General of the United Nations acts as the depositary authority in respect of that Convention,

*Noting* the statement made on behalf of India at the 614th meeting of the Sixth Committee on 19 October 1959, explaining that the Indian declaration was a declaration of policy and that it does not constitute a reservation,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the information and materials made available to the General Assembly;

2. *Expresses the hope* that, in the light of the above-mentioned statement of India, an appropriate solution may be reached in the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization at an early date to regularize the position of India;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization the present resolution together with the relevant records and documentation.

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7 December 1959.

**B**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 598 (VI) of 12 January 1952,

1. *Decides* to amend paragraph 3 (b) of that resolution by requesting the Secretary-General to apply the aforesaid paragraph to his depositary practice, until such time as the General Assembly may give further instructions, in respect of all conventions concluded under the auspices of the United Nations which do not contain provisions to the contrary;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to obtain information from all depositary States and international organizations with respect to depositary practice in relation to reservations, and to prepare a summary of such practices, including his own, for use by the International Law Commission in preparing its reports on the law of treaties and by the General Assembly in considering these reports.

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7 December 1959.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 65, document A/4235.