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1647 (XVI). Enlargement of the International Law Commission: amendments to articles 2 and 9 of the Statute of the Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1103 (XI) of 18 December 1956, by which the membership of the International Law Commission was established at twenty-one members,

Noting that the membership of the United Nations has increased substantially since the adoption of that resolution,

1. *Decides* to amend as follows article 2, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Law Commission:

“The Commission shall consist of twenty-five members who shall be persons of recognized competence in international law”;

2. *Decides*, as a consequence, to amend as follows article 9, paragraph 1, of the said Statute:

“The twenty-five candidates who obtain the greatest number of votes and not less than a majority of the votes of the Members present and voting shall be elected”;

3. *Decides*, by way of exception and in consequence of the enlargement of the Commission, to request the Secretariat to include in the list of candidates in the election to be held at the current session, in addition to the nominations already received, such names as shall have been communicated to it in writing before 15 November 1961.

*1047th plenary meeting,
6 November 1961.*

1685 (XVI). International conference of plenipotentiaries on consular relations

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter II of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of

its thirteenth session,¹ which contains draft articles and commentaries on consular relations,

Recalling that, according to paragraph 27 of that report, the International Law Commission decided to recommend that the General Assembly should convene an international conference of plenipotentiaries to study the Commission’s draft on consular relations and conclude one or more conventions on the subject,

Expressing its firm belief that the successful codification and progressive development of the rules governing consular relations would contribute to the development of friendly relations among nations, irrespective of their differing constitutional and social systems,

Noting with satisfaction that the draft articles on consular relations prepared by the International Law Commission constitute a good basis for the preparation of a convention on that subject,

Desiring to provide an opportunity for completing the preparatory work by further expressions and exchanges of views concerning the draft articles at the seventeenth session of the General Assembly,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for its work on consular relations;

2. *Requests* Member States to submit to the Secretary-General written comments concerning the draft articles by 1 July 1962, in order that they may be circulated to Governments prior to the beginning of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries be convened to consider the question of consular relations and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convoke the conference at Vienna at the beginning of March 1963;

5. *Invites* 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;

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/4843).