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1902 (XVIII). Report of the International Law Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifteenth session,¹

Recalling resolution 1765 (XVII) of 20 November 1962, by which the General Assembly recommended that the Commission should continue its work of codification and progressive development of the law of treaties and its work on State responsibility and on the succession of States and Governments,

Emphasizing the need for the further codification and progressive development of international law with a view to making it a more effective means of implementing the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the work of codification of the topics of State responsibility, the succession of States and Governments, special missions and relations between States and inter-governmental organizations is proceeding satisfactorily, as set forth in chapter IV of the report of the Commission,

1. Takes note of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifteenth session;

2. Expresses appreciation to the Commission for the work accomplished at its fifteenth session, especially with regard to the law of treaties;

3. Notes with approval the programme of work for 1964 proposed by the Commission in its report;

4. Recommends that the Commission should:

(a) Continue the work of codification and progressive development of the law of treaties, taking into account the views expressed at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly and the comments which may be submitted by Governments, in order that the law of treaties may be placed upon the widest and most secure foundations;

(b) Continue its work on State responsibility, taking into account the views expressed at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly and the report of the Sub-Committee on State Responsibility² and giving due consideration to the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

(c) Continue its work on the succession of States and Governments, taking into account the views expressed at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly, the report of the Sub-Committee on the Succession of States and Governments³ and the comments which may be submitted by Governments, with appropriate reference to the views of States which have achieved independence since the Second World War;

(d) Continue its work on special missions and on relations between States and inter-governmental organizations, taking into account the views expressed at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussions at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly on the report of the Commission;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to provide the International Law Commission with the necessary technical services referred to in chapter V of its report.

*1258th plenary meeting,
18 November 1963.*

1903 (XVIII). Participation in general multilateral treaties concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of extended participation in general multilateral treaties concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations, and the report of the International Law Commission thereon,⁴

Noting that there are twenty-one such treaties of a technical and non-political character which by their

² *Ibid.*, annex I.

³ *Ibid.*, annex II.

⁴ *Ibid.*, chapter III.

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/5509).*

terms authorized the Council of the League of Nations to invite additional States to become parties, and thus were not intended to be closed to new States,

Further noting that since the Council of the League ceased to exist a large number of new States have come into being and that many of them have been unable to become parties to the treaties in question for lack of an invitation to accede,

Recalling the recommendation made by the Assembly of the League of Nations at its final session that its Members should facilitate in every way the assumption by the United Nations of functions and powers entrusted to the League of Nations under international agreements of a technical and non-political character,⁵

Further recalling that the General Assembly, in resolution 24 (I) of 12 February 1946, declared that the United Nations was willing in principle to assume the exercise of certain functions and powers previously entrusted to the League of Nations under international agreements,

1. *Decides* that the General Assembly is the appropriate organ of the United Nations to exercise the power conferred by multilateral treaties of a technical and non-political character on the Council of the League of Nations to invite States to accede to those treaties;

2. *Records* that those Members of the United Nations which are parties to the treaties referred to above assent by the present resolution to the decision set forth in paragraph 1 above and express their resolve to use their good offices to secure the co-operation of the other parties to the treaties so far as this may be necessary;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) As depositary of the treaties referred to above, to bring to the notice of any party which is not a Member of the United Nations the terms of the present resolution;

(b) To transmit copies of the present resolution to States Members of the United Nations which are parties to those treaties;

(c) To consult, where necessary, with the States referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above and with the United Nations organs and the specialized agencies concerned as to whether any of the treaties in question have ceased to be in force, have been superseded by later treaties, have otherwise ceased to be of interest for accession by additional States, or require action to adapt them to contemporary conditions;

(d) To report on these matters to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to invite each State which is a Member of the United Nations or member of a specialized agency or a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, or has been designated for this purpose by the General Assembly, and which otherwise is not eligible to become a party to the treaties in question, to accede thereto by depositing an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

5. *Decides* to place on the provisional agenda of its nineteenth session an item entitled "General multilateral treaties concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations".

*1259th plenary meeting,
18 November 1963.*

⁵ League of Nations, *Official Journal, Special Supplement No. 194*, p. 57 (resolution of 18 April 1946).

1966 (XVIII). Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind Article 13, paragraph 1 a, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions 1505 (XV) of 12 December 1960, 1686 (XVI) of 18 December 1961 and 1815 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, which affirm the importance of encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification and making it a more effective means of furthering the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter,

Having decided in paragraph 2 of resolution 1815 (XVII) to undertake, pursuant to Article 13 of the Charter, a study of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter with a view to their progressive development and codification, so as to secure their more effective application, and accordingly to study at the eighteenth session the four principles enumerated in paragraph 3 thereof,

1. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States—composed of Member States to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, taking into consideration the principle of equitable geographical representation and the necessity that the principal legal systems of the world should be represented—which would draw up a report containing, for the purpose of the progressive development and codification of the four principles so as to secure their more effective application, the conclusions of its study and its recommendations, taking into account in particular:

(a) The practice of the United Nations and of States in the application of the principles established in the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) The comments submitted by Governments on this subject in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 1815 (XVII);

(c) The views and suggestions advanced by the representatives of Member States during the seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the General Assembly;

2. *Recommends* the Governments of the States designated members of the Special Committee, in view of the general importance and the technical aspect of the item, to appoint jurists as their representatives on the Special Committee;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee to start its work as soon as possible and to submit its report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to co-operate with the Special Committee in its work, and to provide all the services and facilities necessary for its meetings, including:

(a) A systematic summary of the comments, statements, proposals and suggestions of Member States on this item;

(b) A systematic summary of the practice of the United Nations and of views expressed in the United Nations by Member States in respect of the four principles;

(c) Such other material as he deems relevant;