

would promote the realization of the purposes of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind its resolution 2131 (XX) of 21 December 1965,

Convinced of the significance of continuing the effort to achieve general agreement on the statements of the seven principles of international law set forth in General Assembly resolution 1815 (XVII), but without prejudice to the applicability of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, with a view to the adoption of a declaration which would constitute a landmark in the progressive development and codification of those principles,

Recalling that, in its resolution 2499 A (XXIV) of 31 October 1969 concerning the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, it invited the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States to expedite its work with a view to facilitating the adoption of an appropriate document by the General Assembly during the commemorative session,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee,¹² which met in New York from 18 August to 19 September 1969,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Special Committee for the valuable work it has performed and the progress reflected in the statements of the two principles it discussed;

3. *Decides* to ask the Special Committee, as reconstituted by the General Assembly in resolution 2103 (XX), to meet in the first half of 1970 at Geneva or at any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General receives an invitation, in order to continue and complete its work;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee, in the light of the debate which took place in the Sixth Committee during the present and previous sessions of the General Assembly and at the 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969 sessions of the Special Committee, to endeavour to resolve, in the light of Assembly resolution 2327 (XXII), the remaining questions relating to the formulation of the seven principles, in order to complete its work, and to submit to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session a comprehensive report containing a draft Declaration on all of the seven principles;

5. *Calls upon* the members of the Special Committee to devote their utmost efforts to ensuring the success of the Committee's session, in particular by undertaking, in the period preceding the session, such consultations and other preparatory measures as they may deem necessary;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to co-operate with the Special Committee in its task and to provide all the services, documentation and other facilities necessary for its work;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fifth session an item entitled "Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations".

*1825th plenary meeting,
8 December 1969.*

¹² *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/7619).

2534 (XXIV). Resolution relating to article 66 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and the annex thereto

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties,¹³ adopted on 22 May 1969 by the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties, and in particular paragraph 7 of the annex thereto,

Taking note of the resolution¹⁴ relating to article 66 of the Convention and the annex thereto, adopted on 23 May 1969 by the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties,

Considering that, under the terms of paragraph 7 of the annex to the Convention, the expenses of any conciliation commission that may be set up under article 66 of the Convention shall be borne by the United Nations,

Noting the arrangements suggested in the note by the Secretary-General¹⁵ on the administrative and financial implications of the conciliation procedure provided for in the Convention,

1. *Approves* the provisions of paragraph 7 of the annex to the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take action accordingly.

*1825th plenary meeting,
8 December 1969.*

2549 (XXIV). Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression on the work of its session held in New York from 24 February to 3 April 1969,¹⁶

Taking note of the progress made by the Special Committee in its consideration of the question of defining aggression and on the draft definition, as reflected in the report of the Special Committee,

Considering that it was not possible for the Special Committee to complete its task, in particular its consideration of the proposals concerning a draft definition of aggression submitted to the Special Committee during its sessions held in 1968 and 1969,

Considering that in its resolutions 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 and 2420 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 the General Assembly recognized the widespread conviction of the need to expedite the definition of aggression,

Considering the urgency of defining aggression and the desirability of achieving this objective, if possible, by the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* that the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII), at Geneva in the second half of 1970;

¹³ A/CONF.39/27 and Corr.1.

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 94 (a) and (c), document A/7592, para. 12.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/C.6/397.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/7620).

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fifth session an item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression".

*1831st plenary meeting,
12 December 1969.*

2550 (XXIV). United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law,¹⁷

Considering that, in the conduct of the Programme, it is desirable to use as far as possible the resources and facilities made available by the international organizations concerned, by Member States and by others,

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to carry out in 1970 the activities specified in his report, and in particular to provide:

(a) Fifteen fellowships at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) Current United Nations legal publications to institutions in developing countries which have previously received United Nations legal publications under the present Programme, and to other institutions in developing countries for which requests for such publications are made by the Member States concerned;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, particularly in respect of the assistance provided in the development of the teaching of international law;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional seminars and training courses, in the preparation of studies in international law and in the conduct of the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the Institute;

4. *Reiterates* its request to Member States and interested bodies and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme and expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To pursue his consultations with the bodies concerned in order that regional seminars and training courses under the Programme should continue to include topics relating to international trade law, so as to meet the need for developing local expertise in international trade law, particularly in the developing countries;

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 91, document A/7740.

(b) To consult with the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law and with United Nations organs, specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions active in the field of international trade law concerning the feasibility of establishing, within their respective programmes at selected universities or other institutions in developing countries, regional institutes or chairs for training in the field of international trade law;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1970 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the Programme, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1971;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fifth session an item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law".

*1831st plenary meeting,
12 December 1969.*

2551 (XXIV). Forcible diversion of civil aircraft in flight

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned over acts of unlawful interference with international civil aviation,

Considering it necessary to recommend effective measures against hijacking in all its forms, or any other unlawful seizure or exercise of control of aircraft,

Mindful that such acts may endanger the life and health of passengers and crew in disregard of commonly accepted humanitarian considerations,

Aware that international civil aviation can only function properly in conditions guaranteeing the safety of its operations and the due exercise of the freedom of air travel,

1. *Calls upon* States to take every appropriate measure to ensure that their respective national legislations provide an adequate framework for effective legal measures against all kinds of acts of unlawful interference with, seizure of, or other wrongful exercise of control by force or threat thereof over, civil aircraft in flight;

2. *Urges* States in particular to ensure that persons on board who perpetrate such acts are prosecuted;

3. *Urges* full support for the efforts of the International Civil Aviation Organization directed towards the speedy preparation and implementation of a convention providing for appropriate measures, *inter alia*, with respect to making the unlawful seizure of civil aircraft a punishable offence and to the prosecution of persons who commit that offence;

4. *Invites* States to ratify or accede to the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963,¹⁸ in conformity with the Convention.

*1831st plenary meeting,
12 December 1969.*

¹⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 704 (1969), No. 10106.