

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined the object and terms of reference of the Commission,

Further recalling its resolutions 2421 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2502 (XXIV) of 12 November 1969, 2635 (XXV) of 12 November 1970 and 2766 (XXVI) of 17 November 1971 concerning the reports of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first, second, third and fourth sessions,

Reaffirming its conviction that the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law, in reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade, especially those affecting the developing countries, would significantly contribute to universal economic co-operation among all peoples on a basis of equality and, thereby, to their well-being.

Bearing in mind that the Trade and Development Board, at its twelfth session,⁶ took note of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session;

2. Commends the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the progress made in its work and for its efforts to enhance the efficiency of its working methods;

3. Notes with satisfaction the completion of draft articles for a convention on prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods;⁷

4. Recommends that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should:

(a) Continue in its work to pay special attention to the topics to which it has decided to give priority, that is, the international sale of goods, international payments, international commercial arbitration and international legislation on shipping;

(b) Accelerate its work on training and assistance in the field of international trade law, with special regard to developing countries;

(c) Continue to collaborate with international organizations active in the field of international trade law;

(d) Continue to give special consideration to the interests of developing countries and to bear in mind the special problems of land-locked countries;

(e) Keep its programme of work and its working methods under constant review;

5. Invites the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law to seek from Governments and interested international organizations information relating to legal problems presented by the different kinds of multinational enterprises, and the implications thereof for the unification and harmonization of international trade law, and to consider, in the light of this information and the results of available studies, including those by the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Economic and Social Council, what further steps would be appropriate in this regard;

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (A/8715/Rev.1), part one, para. 239.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/8717), para. 21.

6. Requests the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussions at the twenty-seventh session of the General Assembly on the Commission's report on the work of its fifth session.

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2929 (XXVII). United Nations Conference on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter II of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session,⁸ which contains draft articles for a convention on prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods,

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined the object and terms of reference of the Commission,

Noting that at its fourth and fifth sessions, held in 1971 and 1972, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, in the light of observations and comments submitted by Governments, considered and revised provisional draft articles on prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods that had been prepared by the Commission's Working Group on Time-Limits and Limitations (Prescription) in the International Sale of Goods, and that the Commission, at its fifth session, approved the draft articles as set forth in paragraph 21 of its report,

Bearing in mind that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its fifth session recommended that the General Assembly should convene an international conference of plenipotentiaries to conclude, on the basis of the draft articles adopted by the Commission, a convention on prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods,⁹

Convinced that conflicts and divergencies among the existing national rules governing prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods constitute obstacles to the development of world trade and that the harmonization and unification of such rules would promote the flow of world trade,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for its valuable work on prescription in the international sale of goods;

2. Decides that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convened in 1974, in New York or at any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General receives an invitation, to consider the question of prescription (limitation) in the international sale of goods and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

3. Further decides to consider at its twenty-eighth session any other matters requiring decision in connexion with the conference and to include in the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled "United Nations Conference on Prescription (Limitation) in the International Sale of Goods";

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/8717).

⁹ *Ibid.*, para. 20.

4. *Refers* to the conference the draft articles contained in chapter II of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fifth session, together with the commentary thereon and the analytical compilation of comments and proposals to be prepared by the Secretary-General pursuant to the decision of the Commission,⁹ as the basis for consideration by the conference.

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2966 (XXVII). International conference of plenipotentiaries on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Representation of States in their relations with international organizations",

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰ containing the comments and observations received from Member States, Switzerland, the Secretary-General, specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2780 (XXVI) of 3 December 1971,

Recalling that in its resolution 2780 (XXVI) the General Assembly noted with satisfaction that at its twenty-third session, in 1971, the International Law Commission, in the light of the observations and comments of Member States, Switzerland and the secretariats of various international organizations and taking into account the relevant resolutions and debates of the Assembly, revised the provisional draft articles on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations, prepared at its twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second sessions, and adopted a final set of draft articles as the basis of a convention,

Recalling further that in its resolution 2780 (XXVI) the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to the International Law Commission for its valuable work on the question of representation of States in their relations with international organizations and to the Special Rapporteur on the topic for his contribution to this work,

1. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convened as soon as practicable to consider the draft articles on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

2. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session an item entitled "International conference of plenipotentiaries on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations" in order that the General Assembly may consider the question of participation in the conference, the date and place of the conference and other related matters;

¹⁰ A/8753 and Add.1-3.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a memorandum on the methods of work of the conference so that the Assembly may consider the matter with a view to reducing the costs of the conference.

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2967 (XXVII). 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 fifth session, held in New York from 31 January to 3 March 1972,¹¹

Noting the progress so far achieved by the Special Committee in its consideration of the question of defining aggression and on the draft definition, as reflected in its report,

Considering that it was not possible for the Special Committee to complete its task at its fifth session,

Considering that in its resolutions 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 2420 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2549 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2644 (XXV) of 25 November 1970 and 2781 (XXVI) of 3 December 1971 the General Assembly recognized the widespread conviction of the need to expedite the definition of aggression,

Considering the urgency of bringing the work of the Special Committee to a successful conclusion and the desirability of achieving the definition of aggression as soon as possible,

Noting also the common desire of the members of the Special Committee to continue their work on the basis of the results achieved and to arrive with due speed at a draft definition in a spirit of mutual understanding and accommodation,

1. *Decides* that the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work at Geneva, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII), as early as possible after 1 April 1973;

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-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression".

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2968 (XXVII). Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2552 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969 and 2697 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 entitled "Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations",

¹¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/8719).