

international law which, *inter alia*, reaffirm the freedom of trade and navigation;

3. *Once again urges* States that have and continue to apply such laws and measures to take the necessary steps to repeal or invalidate them as soon as possible in accordance with their legal regime;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the appropriate organs and agencies of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution in the light of the purposes and principles of the Charter and international law, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba".

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3 November 1993

#### 48/17. The situation in Burundi

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "The situation in Burundi",

*Deeply concerned* by the military *coup d'état* which took place in Burundi on 21 October 1993,

*Shocked* by the cowardly assassination of the President of the Republic and other political leaders,

*Seriously disturbed* by the tragic consequences of the *coup d'état* which is plunging Burundi into violence, thus causing loss of life and mass displacement of the population with considerable regional repercussions,

1. *Unreservedly condemns* the *coup* which has caused an abrupt and violent interruption of the democratic process initiated in Burundi;

2. *Demands* that the perpetrators of the putsch lay down their arms and return to their barracks;

3. *Also demands* the immediate restoration of democracy and the constitutional regime;

4. *Supports* the efforts being made by the Secretary-General, by the Organization of African Unity and by the countries of the region to promote a return to constitutional order and the protection of democratic institutions in Burundi;

5. *Commends* the Secretary-General for having sent a special envoy to Burundi;

6. *Requests* the States Members of the United Nations, international organizations, intergovernmental organs and non-governmental organizations to provide emergency humanitarian assistance and/or any other assistance to the people of Burundi;

7. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter until a solution to the crisis is found.

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#### 48/18. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution 47/21 of 25 November 1992,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States,<sup>27</sup>

*Conscious* of the statement in the report of the Secretary-General that "delay in completing the withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories" of Estonia and Latvia "is rightly a matter of concern to the international community",<sup>28</sup>

*Considering* that the United Nations, pursuant to the provisions of its Charter, has a major role to play in, and responsibility for, the maintenance of international peace and security,

*Mindful* that the timely application of preventive diplomacy is the most desirable and efficient means of easing tensions before they result in conflict,

*Recalling with particular satisfaction* that independence was restored in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania through peaceful and democratic means,

*Recognizing* that the stationing of foreign military forces in the territories of Estonia and Latvia without the required consent of those countries is a problem remaining from the past that must be resolved in a peaceful manner,

*Welcoming* the withdrawal of the military forces of the Russian Federation from the territory of Lithuania, which was completed on 31 August 1993 in accordance with a previously agreed timetable,

*Welcoming also* the progress achieved in reducing the foreign military presence in Estonia and Latvia,

*Concerned* that the bilateral talks on the complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of Estonia and Latvia, initiated in February 1992, have not yet yielded agreements, as called for in resolution 47/21,

*Recognizing* that the completion of the withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of Estonia and Latvia will facilitate the consolidation of their restored independence and the rebuilding of their economies,

*Welcoming further* the good offices mission that the Secretary-General recently sent to the Baltic States and the Russian Federation in pursuit of the implementation of resolution 47/21,

*Recalling* the "Helsinki Document 1992 - the Challenges of Change",<sup>29</sup> in particular paragraph 15 of the Helsinki Summit Declaration, agreed upon at the meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe held at Helsinki on 9 and 10 July 1992,

*Recognizing also* that the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe is a regional arrangement in the sense