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TRADE LAW ON THE WORK OF ITS TWENTY-THIRD SESSIONReport of the Sixth Committee**Rapporteur:** Mr. **Saeid**MIRZAEE-YENGEJEH
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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third **session**" was **included** in the provisional agenda of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly pursuant to General Assembly resolution **44/33** of 4 December 1989.
2. At its 3rd plenary **meeting, on 21 September** 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth **Committee**.
3. In connection with the item, the Sixth Committee **had** before it the report of the Commission, 1/ which was introduced by the Chairman of the Commission at the 3rd meeting of ~~the~~ Sixth Committee, on 24 September 1990.
4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 3rd to 5th and 43rd meetings, from 24 to 25 September and on 16 November 1990. The summary records of those meetings (**A/C.6/45/SR.3-5** and 43) contain the views of the representatives who spoke **on** the item.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/45/17).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION

5. At the 43x-d meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Austria introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third session" (A/C.6/45/L.10), sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, later joined by Bahrain, Canada, Myanmar and Thailand.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/45/L.10 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, by which it created the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law with a mandate to further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade and in that respect to bear in mind the interests of all peoples, in particular those of developing countries, in the extensive development of international trade, as well as its resolutions 43/166 of 9 December 1988 and 44/33 of 4 December 1989,

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 States on a basis of equality, equity and common interest and to the elimination of discrimination in international trade and, thereby, to the well-being of all peoples,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-third session, 2/

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/45/17).

Mindful of the valuable contribution to be rendered by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law within the framework of the United Nations Decade for International Law, particularly as regards the **dissemination** of **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 twenty-third session;**

2. Reaffirms the mandate **of the** Commission, **as** the core legal body within **the** United Nations **system** in the field **of** international trade law, to co-ordinate legal activities in this field in order to **avoid** duplication of effort and to promote efficiency, consistency and coherence **in** the unification and **harmonization** of international trade law and, in this connection, recommends **that:** the Commission, through its secretariat, should continue to maintain close co-operation with the other international organs and organizations, including regional organisations, active in the **field** of international trade **law;**

3. Calls upon the Commission to continue to take account of the relevant provisions of the resolutions **concerning** the **new** international economic order, as adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth **3/** and seventh **4/** special sessions:

4. Reaffirms also the importance, in particular for developing **countries, of** the **work of the Commission concerned** with training and assistance in the field **of** international trade law and the desirability for it to sponsor seminars and symposia, in particular those organized on a regional basis, to promote such training and assistance;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Commission's secretariat, to prepare a report with a view to analysing possible ways by which assistance could be given to developing countries members of the Commission, in particular to least developed **countries,** to attend meetings **of** the Commission and its working groups, bearing in mind the arrangements that exist for United Nations bodies generally, pursuant to resolution 431217, section IX, of 21 December 1988, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

6. Repeats its invitation to those States that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the conventions elaborated under the auspices of the Commission.

3/ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

4/ Resolution 3362 (S-VII).