

in Article 27, by an affirmative vote of nine members instead of seven,

Considering that these amendments make it necessary also to amend Article 109 of the Charter,

1. *Decides* to adopt, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the following amendment to the Charter and to submit it for ratification by the States Members of the United Nations:

"In Article 109, paragraph 1, the word 'seven' in the first sentence shall be replaced by the word 'nine'";

2. *Calls upon* all Member States to ratify the above amendment, in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, at the earliest possible date.

*1404th plenary meeting,
20 December 1965.*

2102 (XX). Consideration of steps to be taken for progressive development in the field of private international law with a particular view to promoting international trade

The General Assembly,

Recalling that it is one of the purposes of the United Nations to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of such common ends as the achievement of international co-operation in solving, *inter alia*, international economic problems,

Mindful of its responsibilities under Article 13 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that conflicts and divergencies arising from the laws of different States in matters relating to international trade constitute an obstacle to the development of world trade,

Believing that the interests of all peoples, and particularly those of developing countries, demand the betterment of conditions favouring the extensive development of international trade,

Recognizing the efforts made by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and by inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, towards the progressive unification and harmonization of the law of international trade by promoting the adoption of international conventions, uniform or model legislation, standard contract provisions, general conditions of sale, standard trade terms and other measures,

Convinced that it is desirable to further co-operation among the agencies active in this field and to explore the need for other measures for the progressive unification and harmonization of the law of international trade,

Taking note of the preliminary study prepared by the Secretariat on this subject,¹⁰

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session a comprehensive report including:

(a) A survey of the work in the field of unification and harmonization of the law of international trade;

(b) An analysis of the methods and approaches suitable for the unification and harmonization of the various topics, including the question whether particular topics are suitable for regional, inter-regional or world-wide action;

(c) Consideration of the United Nations organs and other agencies which might be given responsibilities

with a view to furthering co-operation in the development of the law of international trade and to promoting its progressive unification and harmonization;

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-first session an item entitled "Progressive development of the law of international trade".

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2103 (XX). Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1505 (XV) of 12 December 1960, 1686 (XVI) of 18 December 1961, 1815 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and 1966 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963,

Recalling further that among the fundamental purposes of the United Nations are the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Considering that the faithful observance of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations is of paramount importance for the maintenance of international peace and security and the improvement of the international situation,

Considering further that the progressive development and codification of these principles, so as to secure their more effective application, would promote the realization of the purposes of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, which met at Cairo in 1964, recommended to the General Assembly of the United Nations the adoption of a declaration on these principles as an important step towards their codification,

Being convinced of the significance of continuing the effort to achieve general agreement at every stage of the process of the elaboration of the seven principles of international law set forth in General Assembly resolution 1815 (XVII), without prejudice to the applicability of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and with a view to the early adoption of a declaration which would constitute a landmark in the progressive development and codification of these principles,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States,¹¹ established by General Assembly resolution 1966 (XVIII), which met in Mexico City from 27 August to 2 October 1964,

Having also considered, pursuant to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1966 (XVIII), the principle of the duty of States to co-operate with one another in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples and the principle that States shall fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with the Charter,

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 92, document A/C.6/L.572.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, agenda items 90 and 94, document A/5746.

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 performed in Mexico City;

3. *Decides* to reconstitute the Special Committee, which will be composed of the members of the Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1966 (XVIII)¹² and of Algeria, Chile, Kenya and Syria, in order to complete the consideration and elaboration of the seven principles set forth in Assembly resolution 1815 (XVII);

4. *Requests* the Special Committee:

(a) To continue, in the light of the debates which took place in the Sixth Committee during the seventeenth, eighteenth and twentieth sessions of the General Assembly and of the report of the previous Special Committee, the consideration of the four principles set forth in paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 1815 (XVII), having full regard to matters on which the previous Special Committee was unable to reach agreement and to the measure of progress achieved on particular matters;

(b) To consider the three principles set forth in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1966 (XVIII), with particular regard to:

- (i) The practice of the United Nations and of States respecting the application of the principles laid down in the Charter of the United Nations;
- (ii) The comments submitted by Governments on this subject in accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 1966 (XVIII);
- (iii) The views and suggestions advanced by the representatives of Member States during the seventeenth, eighteenth and twentieth sessions of the General Assembly;

(c) To submit a comprehensive report on the results of its study of the seven principles set forth in resolution 1815 (XVII), including its conclusions and recommendations, with a view to enabling the General Assembly to adopt a declaration containing an enunciation of these principles;

5. *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;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to meet at United Nations Headquarters as soon as possible and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session;

7. *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;

8. *Decides* to include 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" in the provisional agenda of its twenty-first session.

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¹² See A/5689 and A/5727.

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Observance by Member States of the principles relating to the sovereignty of States, their territorial integrity, non-interference in their domestic affairs, the peaceful settlement of disputes and the condemnation of subversive activities",

Bearing in mind the close connexion between this item and the 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",

Requests the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States, reconstituted under paragraph 3 of resolution A above, to take into consideration, in the course of its work and in drafting its report, the request for the inclusion in the agenda of the item mentioned in the first preambular paragraph above¹³ and the discussion of that item at the twentieth session of the General Assembly.

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20 December 1965.

2104 (XX). Question of methods of fact-finding

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1967 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963 on methods of fact-finding,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on this question,¹⁴

Noting the comments submitted by Governments pursuant to paragraph 1 of resolution 1967 (XVIII) and the views expressed during its twentieth session,

Noting chapter VII of the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States,¹⁵ established under General Assembly resolution 1966 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963,

Believing that the question of methods of fact-finding requires further study and that the materials resulting from such further study would also be of value for any further consideration of the item entitled "Peaceful settlement of disputes",

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to supplement his study on the relevant aspects of the problem so as to cover the main trends and characteristics of international inquiry, as envisaged in some treaties as a means of ensuring their execution, and to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session;

2. *Invites* Member States to submit in writing to the Secretary-General, before July 1966, any views or further views they may have on this subject in the light of the reports of the Secretary-General and the relevant chapter of the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States, and requests the Secretary-General to transmit these comments to Member States before the beginning of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly.

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¹³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes, annex No. 2, documents A/5757 and Add.1.

¹⁴ Ibid., Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda items 90 and 94, document A/5694.

¹⁵ Ibid., document A/5746.