

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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895 (IX). Question of defining aggression

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 599 (VI) of 31 January 1952 and 688 (VII) of 20 December 1952,

Considering that the discussions to which the question of defining aggression gave rise at the ninth session of the General Assembly have revealed the need to co-ordinate the views expressed by the States Members,

1. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee comprising one representative of each of the following States Members: China, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, France, Iraq, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Syria, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Yugoslavia, which will meet at United Nations Headquarters in 1956;

2. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit to the General Assembly at its eleventh session a detailed report followed by a draft definition of aggression, having regard to the ideas expressed at the ninth session of the General Assembly and to the draft resolutions and amendments submitted;

3. *Decides* to place the question on the provisional agenda of the eleventh session of the General Assembly.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

896 (IX). Elimination or reduction of future statelessness

The General Assembly,

Considering that the International Law Commission included¹ the topic "Nationality, including statelessness" in its list of topics of international law provisionally selected for codification,

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourth Session, Supplement No. 10*, para. 16.

Considering that, at the request² of the Economic and Social Council, the International Law Commission has given priority to this item,

Noting that the International Law Commission, at its fifth session in 1953, proposed³ a draft Convention on the Elimination of Future Statelessness and a draft Convention on the Reduction of Future Statelessness, and invited Governments to submit their comments thereon,

Considering that comments were received from fifteen Governments, which comments were published in an annex to the report⁴ of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session,

Considering that the Economic and Social Council has approved⁵ the principles of the two draft Conventions,

Considering that the International Law Commission revised, in the light of the comments received from Governments, the above-mentioned draft Conventions and submitted⁶ the revised drafts to the General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of reducing and, if possible, eliminating future statelessness by international agreement,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the work of the International Law Commission in this field;

2. *Expresses its desire* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries be convened to conclude

² See Economic and Social Council, resolution 319 B (XI), section III.

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 9*, chapter IV.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 9.

⁵ See Economic and Social Council, resolution 526 B (XVII).

⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplement No. 9*.

a convention for the reduction or elimination of future statelessness as soon as at least twenty States have communicated to the Secretary-General their willingness to co-operate in such a conference;

3. *Requests the Secretary-General:*

(a) To communicate, together with the present resolution, the revised draft Conventions to Member States and to each non-member State which is or hereafter becomes a member of one or more of the specialized agencies of the United Nations or which is or hereafter becomes a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice;

(b) To fix the exact time and place for the conference, to issue invitations to those States to which the revised draft Conventions have been communicated and to take all other measures for the convening of the conference and for its operation in case the condition stated in paragraph 2 above is met;

(c) To report on the matter to the General Assembly at its eleventh session;

4. *Requests Governments of States to which reference is made in paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (a) above, to give early consideration to the merits of a multilateral convention on the elimination or reduction of future statelessness.*

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

897 (IX). Draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind

The General Assembly,

Considering that the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind, as formulated in chapter III of the report⁷ of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session, raises problems closely related to that of the definition of aggression,

Considering that, by its resolution 895 (IX) of 4 December 1954, the General Assembly decided to entrust to a Special Committee of nineteen Member States the task of preparing and submitting to the General Assembly at its eleventh session a detailed report on the question of defining aggression and a draft definition of aggression,

Decides to postpone further consideration of the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind until the Special Committee on the question of defining aggression has submitted its report.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

898 (IX). International criminal jurisdiction

The General Assembly,

Having received the report⁸ of the 1953 Committee on International Criminal Jurisdiction to which a revised draft statute for an international criminal court is annexed,

Considering the connexion between the question of defining aggression, the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind, and the question of an international criminal jurisdiction,

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12.

Considering that the General Assembly has established⁹ a new Special Committee on the question of defining aggression to submit to the General Assembly at its eleventh session a detailed report with a draft definition of aggression, and that it has also postponed¹⁰ consideration of the draft Code until the Special Committee has submitted its report, so that the question of the draft Code will also be included in the provisional agenda of the eleventh session,

Considering that, after the General Assembly has examined the Special Committee's report and the draft Code, an interval should be allowed before it resumes consideration of the question of an international criminal jurisdiction in order to give Governments sufficient time duly to consider the influence and effect of the first two questions in relation to the question of an international criminal jurisdiction,

1. *Thanks the 1953 Committee on International Criminal Jurisdiction for the efforts it has made in carrying out its terms of reference;*

2. *Decides to postpone consideration of the question of an international criminal jurisdiction until the General Assembly has taken up the report of the Special Committee on the question of defining aggression and has taken up again the draft Code of Offences against the Peace and Security of Mankind.*

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

899 (IX). Draft articles on the continental shelf

The General Assembly,

Considering that the International Law Commission in its report¹¹ on the work of its fifth session submitted for the consideration of the General Assembly draft articles on the continental shelf,

Believing that consideration by the General Assembly of the régime of the high seas, the régime of territorial waters and all related problems should be undertaken without undue delay,

Recalling that, in resolution 798 (VIII) of 7 December 1953, the General Assembly, having regard to the fact that the problems relating to the high seas, territorial waters, contiguous zones, the continental shelf and the superjacent waters were closely linked together juridically as well as physically, decided not to deal with any aspect of those matters until all the problems involved had been studied by the International Law Commission and reported upon by it to the General Assembly,

1. *Requests the International Law Commission to devote the necessary time to the study of the régime of the high seas, the régime of territorial waters and all related problems in order to complete its work on these topics and submit its final report in time for the General Assembly to consider them as a whole, in accordance with resolution 798 (VIII), at its eleventh session;*

2. *Decides to include the final report of the International Law Commission on these topics in the provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the General Assembly.*

*512th plenary meeting,
14 December 1954.*

⁹ See resolution 895 (IX), p. 49.

¹⁰ See resolution 897 (IX), above.

¹¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 9*, chapter III.