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CONCLUSION OF A WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-USE
OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Report of the Sixth Committee

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1. At its 16th plenary meeting, on 4 October 1976, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-first session an additional item proposed by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/31/243) and entitled "Conclusion of a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations". The Assembly also decided to allocate the item to the First Committee and to refer it at the appropriate stage, to the Sixth Committee for examination of its legal implications.
2. At its 57th plenary meeting, on 8 November, the General Assembly, after adopting resolution 31/9 on the recommendation of the First Committee (A/31/305), decided that the Sixth Committee should consider the legal implications of the item and report thereon as early as possible during the current session.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the legal implications of the item at its 50th to 54th meetings, held between 22 and 25 November. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.6/31/SR.50-54) contain the views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of the item.

DECISION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

4. At its 54th meeting, on 25 November, the Sixth Committee, on the recommendation of its Chairman, decided, by consensus, to include in its report to the General Assembly the following text:

"The Sixth Committee notes that the General Assembly has adopted resolution 31/9 entitled 'Conclusion of a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations'. In this connexion, the Sixth Committee requests the General Assembly to recommend that, in their consideration of statements and proposals on this item to be reported to the Secretary-General, Member States should give due weight to the important legal issues involved. The Sixth Committee recalls the role it played in elaborating the Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations 1/ and the Definition of Aggression. 2/ The legal issues which the item under discussion involves have been, and will need to be, examined in the current and future deliberations on this subject which any further consideration of this item by the General Assembly will entail."

1/ General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV).

2/ General Assembly resolution 3314 (XXIX).