

10. *Decides* that:

(a) The term of office of those members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law whose term would expire on 31 December 1976 is extended until the last day prior to the beginning of the regular annual session of the Commission in 1977 and the term of office of those members of the Commission whose term would expire on 31 December 1979 is extended until the last day prior to the beginning of the regular annual session of the Commission in 1980;

(b) Commencing with the elections to membership of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at the thirty-first session of the General Assembly, all States elected to membership shall take office at the beginning of the first day of the regular annual session of the Commission immediately following their election and their terms of office shall expire on the last day prior to the opening of the seventh regular annual session of the Commission following their election;

(c) Governments of Member States that are not members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law are entitled, when they so request, to attend the sessions of the Commission and its Working Groups as observers;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussions at the thirty-first session of the General Assembly on the Commission's report on the work of its ninth session.

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31/100. United Nations Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, by which it established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and defined the object and terms of reference of the Commission,

Having considered chapter IV of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its ninth session¹⁸ which contains draft articles for a convention on the carriage of goods by sea,

Noting that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law considered and adopted the draft articles taking note of observations and comments submitted by Governments, by the Working Group on International Shipping Legislation of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and by international organizations,

Taking note with appreciation of the comments of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development that the revision of the law on carriage of goods by sea involves consideration not only of legal but also of economic and shipping trade aspects, and that these aspects should be given due consideration at an international conference of plenipotentiaries,¹⁹

Convinced that international trade is an important factor in the promotion of friendly relations among States and that the adoption of a convention on the carriage of goods by sea which would take into account the legitimate interests of all States, particularly those of the developing countries, which would remove such uncertainties and ambiguities as exist in the rules and practices relating to bills of lading and which would establish a balanced allocation of risks between the cargo owner and the carrier, would contribute to the harmonious development of international trade,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the valuable work done in having prepared draft articles for a convention on the carriage of goods by sea;

2. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convened in 1978 in New York, or at any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General may receive an invitation, to consider the question of the carriage of goods by sea and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

3. *Refers* to the conference the draft articles for a convention on the carriage of goods by sea approved by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, together with draft provisions concerning implementation, reservations and other final clauses to be prepared by the Secretary-General;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To circulate the draft Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea,²⁰ together with draft provisions concerning implementation, reservations and other final clauses to be prepared by the Secretary-General, to Governments and interested international organizations for comments and proposals;

(b) To convene the United Nations Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea for an appropriate period in 1978 at any of the places referred to in paragraph 2 above;

(c) To arrange for the preparation of summary records of the proceedings of the plenary meetings of the Conference and of meetings of committees of the whole which the Conference may wish to establish;

(d) To invite all States to participate in the United Nations Conference on the Carriage of Goods by Sea;

(e) To invite representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(f) To invite representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(g) To invite the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations and interested regional intergovernmental organizations, to be represented at the Conference by observers;

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 17 (A/31/17).

¹⁹ TD/B/C.4/153, annex I.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/31/17), chap. IV, sect. C.*

(h) To draw the attention of the States and other participants referred to in subparagraphs (d) to (g) above to the desirability of appointing as their representatives persons especially competent in the field to be considered;

(i) To place before the Conference:

(i) All comments and proposals received from Governments;

(ii) Working and background papers which may be received from the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other interested international organizations, taking into consideration the legal, economic and shipping trade aspects of the draft Convention;

(iii) Draft provisions concerning implementation, reservations and other final clauses and all relevant documentation and recommendations relating to methods of work and procedure;

(j) To ensure that all relevant documentation for the Conference will be distributed to all participants in the Conference at the earliest possible date;

(k) To arrange for adequate staff and facilities required for the Conference, bearing in mind the fact that the legal, economic and shipping trade aspects of the carriage of goods by sea should receive due consideration at the Conference.

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31/101. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,²¹

1. *Accepts* the recommendations of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 65 of its report;

2. *Decides* to continue the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971, with the purpose of examining all matters falling within its terms of reference and requests the Secretary-General to provide the Committee with all necessary assistance;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-second session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".

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31/102. Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and

despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes

The General Assembly,

Deeply perturbed over acts of international terrorism which are occurring with increasing frequency and which take a toll of innocent human lives,

Recognizing the importance of international co-operation in devising measures effectively to prevent their occurrence and of studying their underlying causes with a view to finding just and peaceful solutions as quickly as possible,

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,²²

Noting that the *Ad Hoc* Committee on International Terrorism, established under General Assembly resolution 3034 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, has been obliged to suspend its work,

Deeply convinced of the importance to mankind of the continuation of the work of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

1. *Expresses deep concern* over increasing acts of international terrorism which endanger or take innocent human lives or jeopardize fundamental freedoms;

2. *Urges* States to continue to seek just and peaceful solutions to the underlying causes which give rise to such acts of violence;

3. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of all peoples under colonial and racist régimes and other forms of alien domination, and upholds the legitimacy of their struggle, in particular the struggle of national liberation movements, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the organs of the United Nations;

4. *Condemns* the continuation of repressive and terrorist acts by colonial, racist and alien régimes in denying peoples their legitimate right to self-determination and independence and other human rights and fundamental freedoms;

5. *Invites* States to become parties to the existing international conventions which relate to various aspects of the problem of international terrorism;

6. *Invites* States to take all appropriate measures at the national level with a view to the speedy and final elimination of the problem, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 3 above;

7. *Invites* the *Ad Hoc* Committee on International Terrorism to continue its work in accordance with the mandate entrusted to it under General Assembly resolution 3034 (XXVII);

8. *Invites* the States which have not yet done so to submit their observations and concrete proposals as soon as possible to the Secretary-General so as to enable the *Ad Hoc* Committee to carry out its mandate more efficiently;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the *Ad Hoc* Committee an analytical study of the observations of States submitted under paragraph 8 above;

²¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 26 (A/31/26).

²² Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.