

Taking note of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country,

1. *States its deep concern* at violent attacks against the premises of missions accredited to the United Nations as well as the threats, harassment and hostile actions against personnel of these missions;

2. *Strongly condemns* all such acts of violence and other criminal acts against the premises of missions and their personnel as fundamentally incompatible with the status of such missions and personnel under international law;

3. *Urges* the host country to implement effectively the new federal legislation, including the taking of effective measures against the organization of demonstrations and picketing where there is reason to believe that they may be accompanied by violence or may prevent the conduct of the normal business of missions to the United Nations;

4. *Urges* the host country to take all necessary measures to apprehend, prosecute and punish those guilty of criminal acts against missions and their personnel;

5. *Notes* the difficulties which the diplomatic personnel of the permanent missions encounter when parking their automobiles and draws the attention of the host country, and the diplomatic community, to recommendations 9, 10 and 11 in paragraph 46 of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

6. *Appeals* to the host country to review the recently adopted measures with regard to the parking of diplomatic vehicles especially with a view to terminating without prejudice the practice of serving summonses to diplomats and towing away their vehicles, in order to meet more adequately the needs of the diplomatic community;

7. *Welcomes* the diplomatic community's readiness to co-operate fully with the local authorities in solving traffic problems;

8. *Requests* all members of the diplomatic community to respect the laws and regulations of the host country;

9. *Believes* that the host country, the Secretariat, the diplomatic community and the organizations concerned should vigorously seek the improvement of relations and the promotion of mutual understanding between the diplomatic community and the local population in order to ensure conditions conducive to the effective functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

10. *Welcomes with appreciation* the efforts of the host country, the New York City community and the New York City Commission for the United Nations and for the Consular Corps to accommodate the needs, interests and concerns of the diplomatic community and to provide hospitality;

11. *Decides* to continue the work of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country in 1974, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI), with the purpose of examining on a more regular basis all matters falling within its terms of reference;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all appropriate assistance to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and to bring to its attention issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the

United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

13. *Requests* the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to submit to the General Assembly, at its twenty-ninth session, a report on the progress of its work and to make, if it deems it necessary, appropriate recommendations;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-ninth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".

2197th plenary meeting
12 December 1973

3108 (XXVIII). Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its sixth session,²⁸

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,

Further recalling its resolutions 2421 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968, 2502 (XXIV) of 12 November 1969, 2635 (XXV) of 12 November 1970, 2766 (XXVI) of 17 November 1971 and 2928 (XXVII) of 28 November 1972 concerning the reports of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its first, second, third, fourth and fifth sessions,

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 and to the elimination of discrimination in international trade and, thereby, to the well-being of all peoples,

Convinced that wider participation of States in the work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law would further the progress of the Commission's work,

Bearing in mind that the Trade and Development Board, at its thirteenth session, took note with appreciation²⁹ of the report of the United Nations Commission on 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 sixth session;

2. *Commends* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the progress made in its work and for its efforts to enhance the efficiency of its working methods;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, whenever the Commission considers it appropriate, to incorporate the reports or summaries of the reports of its Working Groups in the reports on the work of its future sessions;

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/9017).*

²⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 15 (A/9015/Rev.1), part three, para. 558.

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the decision of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law to organize, in connexion with the eighth session of the Commission, an international symposium on the role of universities and research centres in the teaching, dissemination and wider appreciation of international trade law and to seek voluntary contributions from Governments, international organizations and foundations to cover the cost of travel and subsistence of participants from developing countries;

5. *Invites* States which have not ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards³⁰ of 1958 to consider the possibility of adhering thereto;

6. *Recommends* that the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law should:

(a) Continue in its work to pay special attention to the topics to which it has decided to give priority, that is, the international sale of goods, international payments, international commercial arbitration and international legislation on shipping;

(b) Continue to consider the legal problems presented by different kinds of multinational enterprises, in accordance with the decision thereon adopted by the Commission at its sixth session;

(c) Accelerate its work on training and assistance in the field of international trade law, with special regard to the promotion and teaching of international trade law at universities, taking into account the special interests of the developing countries;

(d) Continue to collaborate with international organizations active in the field of international trade law;

(e) Continue to give special consideration to the interests of developing countries and to bear in mind the special problems of land-locked countries;

(f) Keep its programme of work and working methods under review with the aim of increasing the effectiveness of its work;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law to consider the advisability of preparing uniform rules on the civil liability of producers for damage caused by their products intended for or involved in international sale or distribution, taking into account the feasibility and most appropriate time therefor in view of other items in its programme of work;

8. *Decides* to increase the membership of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law from twenty-nine to thirty-six in accordance with the following rules:

(a) The seven additional members of the Commission shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of six years, except as provided in subparagraph (c) below;

(b) In electing the additional members, the General Assembly shall observe the following distribution of seats:

- (i) Two from African States;
- (ii) Two from Asian States;
- (iii) One from Eastern European States;
- (iv) One from Latin American States;
- (v) One from Western European and other States;

(c) Of the additional members elected at the first election, to be held during the current session of the General Assembly, the terms of three members shall expire at the end of three years; the President of the General Assembly shall, by drawing lots, select these members as follows:

(i) One from those elected from African States;

(ii) One from those elected from Asian States;

(iii) One from those elected from the other regions;

(d) The additional members elected at the first election shall take office on 1 January 1974;

(e) The provisions of section II, paragraphs 3 to 5, of General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI) shall also apply to the additional members;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law the records of the discussions at the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly on the Commission's report on the work of its sixth session.

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3166 (XXVIII). Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents³¹

The General Assembly,

Considering that the codification and progressive development of international law contributes to the implementation of the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that in response to the request made in General Assembly resolution 2780 (XXVI) of 3 December 1971, the International Law Commission, at its twenty-fourth session, studied the question of the protection and inviolability of diplomatic agents and other persons entitled to special protection under international law and prepared draft articles³² on the prevention and punishment of crimes against such persons,

Having considered the draft articles and also the comments and observations thereon submitted by States, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations³³ in response to the invitation extended by the General Assembly in its resolution 2926 (XXVII) of 28 November 1972,

Convinced of the importance of securing international agreement on appropriate and effective measures for the prevention and punishment of crimes against diplomatic agents and other internationally protected persons in view of the serious threat to the maintenance and promotion of friendly relations and co-operation among States created by the commission of such crimes,

Having elaborated for that purpose the provisions contained in the Convention annexed hereto,

1. *Adopts* the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, annexed to the present resolution:

³¹ See "Other decisions", p. 150.

³² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/8710/Rev.1)*, chap. III, sect. B.

³³ A/9127 and Add.1.

³⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 330, No. 4739, p. 38.