

2. *Notes* the recommendation, approved by the Diplomatic Conference, that a special conference be called on the issue of prohibition or restriction of use for humanitarian reasons of specific conventional weapons;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Swiss Federal Council for acting as host to the four sessions of the Diplomatic Conference, and to the International Committee of the Red Cross for preparing the basis for discussion and for its constant assistance to the Conference;

4. *Urges States* to consider without delay the matter of signing and ratifying or acceding to the two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, which will be opened for signature on 12 December 1977 in Berne;

5. *Appeals* to States which have not done so to become parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949;

6. *Calls upon* all parties to armed conflicts to acknowledge and to comply with their obligations under the existing instruments of international humanitarian law and to observe the international humanitarian rules which are applicable, in particular the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907, the Geneva Protocol of 1925 and the Geneva Conventions of 1949;

7. *Calls upon* all States to take effective steps for the dissemination of humanitarian rules applicable in armed conflicts;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a report concerning the state of signatures and ratifications of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the state of signatures and ratifications of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 concerning the respect for human rights in armed conflicts".

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32/45. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the role of the Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955, 2285 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, 2552 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2697 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 2968 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and 3349 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,

Recalling also its resolutions 2925 (XXVII) of 27 November 1972, 3073 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973 and 3282 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations,

Recalling especially its resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it established the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, and its resolution 31/28 of 29 November 1976,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee,⁸

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/32/33).*

Noting that the Special Committee has examined in detail the observations received from Governments contained in the Secretary-General's analytical study concerning suggestions and proposals regarding the Charter of the United Nations and the strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States,⁹

Considering that the Special Committee has not yet completed the mandate given to it,

Reaffirming its support for the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization;

2. *Decides* that the Special Committee should continue its work in pursuance of the following tasks with which it is entrusted:

(a) To list the proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee and to identify those which have awakened special interest;

(b) To examine proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee with a view to according priority to the consideration of those areas on which general agreement is possible;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee to be mindful of the importance of reaching general agreement whenever it has significance for the outcome of its work;

4. *Urges* members of the Special Committee to participate fully in its work in fulfilment of the mandate entrusted to it;

5. *Invites* Governments to submit, or to bring up to date, their observations and proposals in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3499 (XXX);

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all assistance to the Special Committee, including the preparation of summary records of its meetings;

7. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".

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32/46. 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,¹⁰

1. *Accepts* the recommendations of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 26 of its report;

⁹ *Ibid.*, annex II, document A/AC.182/L.2.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 26 (A/32/26).

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 on a more regular basis 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-third session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".

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32/47. United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3496 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it decided to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries in 1977 to consider the draft articles on succession of States in respect of treaties, adopted by the International Law Commission at its twenty-sixth session,¹¹ and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it might deem appropriate,

Recalling further its resolution 31/18 of 24 November 1976, by which, after noting that an invitation had been extended by the Government of Austria to hold the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties at Vienna, it had decided that the Conference would be held in that city,

Noting that the Conference met at Vienna from 4 April to 6 May 1977, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolutions, but that it was not possible in the time available for the Conference to conclude its work and to adopt an international convention and other appropriate instruments, as requested by the General Assembly,

Noting further the view of the Conference that one more session would enable it to conclude its work as envisaged by the General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the recommendation unanimously adopted by the Conference that it should be reconvened at Vienna for a final session of four weeks,

Taking into account the invitation of the Government of Austria, accepted by the General Assembly in resolution 31/18, which extends also to a resumed session of the Conference,¹²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties;¹³

2. *Approves* the convening of a resumed session of the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties at Vienna for a period of three weeks, from 31 July to 18 August 1978, with a possible extension of up to one further week should this prove necessary in the view of the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, as provided under General

Assembly resolution 31/18, for the efficient servicing of the Conference;

4. *Expresses its firm conviction* that the Conference will thus conclude its work and adopt an international convention and other appropriate instruments as requested by the General Assembly.

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32/48. Review of the multilateral treaty-making process

The General Assembly,

Recalling its duty under Article 13, paragraph 1 *a*, of the Charter of the United Nations to initiate studies and to make recommendations for the purpose, *inter alia*, of encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification,

Observing that, in the period since the inception of the United Nations, many important multilateral treaties have been prepared by a number of different United Nations organs,

Bearing in mind the important contribution of the International Law Commission to the preparation of multilateral treaties during the past twenty-nine years,

Aware of the heavy burdens which active involvement in the process of multilateral treaty-making places upon Governments,

Conscious of the desirability of assessing the efficiency and adequacy of the procedures followed by the United Nations in the formulation of the texts of multilateral treaties with a view to the improvement of such procedures,

Bearing in mind the need for the United Nations to exercise economy in the use of its resources,

Taking into account that in certain important and specialized areas the interested parties have developed methods of negotiation of proved and continued value,

Recalling the publication by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research of a study on the wider acceptance of multilateral treaties,¹⁴

Recalling those resolutions of the General Assembly urging the greater participation of States in multilateral conventions concluded under the auspices of the United Nations,

Observing that the United Nations has not hitherto given comprehensive consideration to the techniques and procedures used in the preparation of multilateral treaties,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the techniques and procedures used in the elaboration of multilateral treaties, taking also into consideration the debates in the General Assembly at the current session and the observations referred to in paragraph 2 below, with a view to its submission to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

2. *Invites* Governments and the International Law Commission to submit by 31 July 1979, for inclusion in the report referred to above, their observations on this subject;

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/9610/Rev.1), chap. II, sect. D.

¹² See A/32/141/Add.1.

¹³ A/CONF.80/15.

¹⁴ UNITAR/ST/2.