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plenary meeting on 12 December 1950

(adopted on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/1639))

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in its resolution 260 B (III) of 9 December 1948, it considered "that, in the course of development of the international community, there will be an increasing need of an international judicial organ for the trial of certain crimes under international law", and that, in the same resolution, it invited the International Law Commission "to study the desirability and possibility of establishing an international judicial organ for the trial of persons charged with genocide or other crimes over which jurisdiction will be conferred upon that organ by international conventions",

Having given preliminary consideration to part IV of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its second session,*

Bearing in mind article VI of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,

Bearing in mind, further, that a final decision regarding the setting up of such an international penal tribunal cannot be taken except on the basis of concrete proposals,

1. Decides that a committee composed of the representatives of the following seventeen Member States, namely, Australia, Brazil, China, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, France, India, Iran, Israel, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Syria, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay, shall meet in Geneva on 1 August 1951 for the purpose of preparing one or more preliminary draft conventions and proposals relating to the establishment and the statute of an international criminal court;

* See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 12.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the committee referred to above one or more preliminary draft conventions and proposals regarding such a court;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements for the convening of the committee and for its meetings;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to communicate the report of the committee to the Governments of Member States so that their observations may be submitted not later than 1 June 1952, and to place the question on the agenda of the seventh session of the General Assembly.
