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REVIEW OF THE MULTILATERAL TREATY-MAKING PROCESS

Argentina, Australia, Canada, Egypt, Fiji, Indonesia, Kenya,
Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Sudan,
and Uruguay: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that multilateral treaties are an important primary source of international law,

Conscious, therefore, that the process of elaboration of multilateral treaties, directed towards the progressive development of international law and its codification, forms an important part of the work of the United Nations and of the international community in general,

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

Convinced that the most rational use should be made of the finite resources available for the elaboration of multilateral treaties,

Aware that the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee has been reviewing certain aspects of multilateral treaty-making,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions, including the replies and observations made by Governments and international organizations on the review of the multilateral treaty-making process,

Having considered the report of the Working Group on the Review of the Multilateral Treaty-Making Process (A/C.6/37/L.29) established pursuant to

resolution 36/112 of 10 December 1981 to review the multilateral treaty-making process, and noting that the Working Group will require more time to complete its mandate as provided in paragraph 2 of that resolution,

Taking into account statements made at the current session in the debate in the Sixth Committee,

1. Decides to reconvene at its thirty-eighth session the Working Group with the aim of completing the examination of the matters referred to in paragraph 2 of resolution 36/112;
2. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to prepare and publish as soon as possible new editions of the Handbook of Final Clauses and the Summary of the Practice of the Secretary-General as Depositary of Multilateral Agreements, taking into account relevant new developments and practices in that respect;
3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Review of the multilateral treaty-making process".
