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DRAFT DECLARATION ON RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its
270th plenary meeting on 6 December 1949

(adopted on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/1196))

The General Assembly,

Having received the draft Declaration on Rights and Duties of States prepared by the International Law Commission in pursuance of the instruction given to it by the General Assembly in resolution 178 (II) of 21 November 1947,

Considering that it is a responsibility of the United Nations, and more especially of the General Assembly, under Article 13 of the Charter, to encourage the progressive development of international law and its codification,

Considering that at the present time it has encountered some difficulties in formulating basic rights and duties of States in the light of new developments of international law and in harmony with the Charter of the United Nations, and recognizing the need of continuing study with regard to this subject,

1. Notes the draft Declaration on Rights and Duties of States* prepared by the International Law Commission and expresses to the Commission its appreciation for its work on the draft Declaration;

2. Deems the draft Declaration a notable and substantial contribution towards the progressive development of international law and its codification and as such commends it to the continuing attention of Member States and of jurists of all nations;

3. Resolves to transmit to Member States, for consideration, the draft Declaration together with all the documentation relating thereto produced during the present session of the General Assembly, and to request them to furnish their comments and suggestions at the latest by 1 July 1950;

* The text of the draft Declaration on Rights and Duties of States, which is annexed to the report of the Sixth Committee, will be published in the printed volume of General Assembly resolutions.

4. Requests Member States to furnish at the same time comments on the following questions:

I. Whether any further action should be taken by the General Assembly on the draft Declaration;

II. If so, the exact nature of the document to be aimed at and the future procedure to be adopted in relation to it;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and publish the suggestions and comments furnished by Member States, for such use as the General Assembly may find desirable;

6. Directs that the text of the draft Declaration be annexed to the present resolution.
