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PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF SMALL STATES

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The **item** entitled "Protection and security of small States" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution **44/51** of 8 December 1989.
2. At its 3rd plenary **meeting**, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the **item** in its agenda and to allocate it to the Special Political Committee.
3. The Special Political Committee considered the item at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 15 and 17 October (see **A/SPC/46/SR.5** and 6).
4. The **Committee** had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/46/339).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION **A/SPC/46/L.3**

5. At the 5th meeting, on 15 October 1991, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives introduced a draft resolution (**A/SPC/46/L.3**) sponsored by Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cyprus, Djibouti, **Fiji**, the Gambia, Grenada, Guyana, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Saint Lucia, **Samoa**, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates

and Vanuatu, subsequently joined by Afghanistan, Bahrain, Barbados, Bhutan, Dominica, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, **Mauritania**, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, **Panama**, the **Philippines**, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Swasiland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, **Viet Nam** and Yemen.

6. At its 6th meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see **para. 8**).

7. The representative of Sweden made a statement in connection with the draft resolution.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE

8. The Special Political Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Protection and security of small States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution **44/51** of 8 December **1989**, in which it recognised that small States **may** be particularly vulnerable to external threats and acts of interference in their internal affairs,

Reaffirming its commitment to international peace and security,

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, **1/**

Conscious that small States may be particularly vulnerable to external threats and acts of interference in their internal affairs and **may** have special needs consonant with the right to sovereignty and territorial integrity,

Concerned at the danger that mercenaries and terrorists, as well as drug traffickers, can represent for small States,

Condemning all acts of aggression, including those against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of small States,

1/ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General 2/ on the implementation of resolution **44/51**,

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for the report on the implementation of resolution **44/51**;

2. Recognizes that small States may be particularly vulnerable to external **threats** and acts of interference **in** their internal **affairs**;

3. Stresses the vital importance for all States of the unconditional respect by all States of all the principles **of** the Charter of the United Nations, including the principle of **sovereign** equality, territorial integrity, non-interference in the **internal** affairs of other countries and the peaceful **settlement** of disputes, and their **consistent application**;

4. Stresses also the importance of strengthening the regional security arrangements by increasing interaction, cooperation and consultation

5. Appeals to the relevant regional and **international organizations** to provide assistance when requested by small States for the strengthening of their security in accordance with the principles of the **Charter**;

6. Urges the Secretary-General to continue to pay special attention to monitoring the security situation of small States and to consider making use of **the** provisions of Article 99 of the **Charter**;

7. Invites the Secretary-General to continue to explore ways and means, within the United Nations and in accordance with the Charter, of preserving the security of small **States**;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with the members of the Security Council and other interested Governments, taking into account the changing **international** climate and the emergence of new States, and to **submit** a report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to **include** in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Protection and security **of small States**".
