

in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of any State,

*Reaffirming further* the inalienable right of all peoples to determine their own form of government and to choose their own economic, political and social system free from outside intervention, subversion, coercion or constraint of any kind whatsoever,

*Gravely concerned* at the continuing foreign armed intervention in Afghanistan, in contravention of the above principles, and its serious implications for international peace and security,

*Noting* the increasing concern of the international community over the continued and serious sufferings of the Afghan people and over the magnitude of social and economic problems posed to Pakistan and Iran by the presence on their soil of millions of Afghan refugees, and the continuing increase in their numbers,

*Deeply conscious* of the urgent need for a political solution of the grave situation in respect of Afghanistan,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>25</sup> particularly of the appointment of his Personal Representative,

*Recognizing* the importance of the initiatives of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the efforts of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries for a political solution of the situation in respect of Afghanistan,

1. *Reiterates* that the preservation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and non-aligned character of Afghanistan is essential for a peaceful solution of the problem;

2. *Reaffirms* the right of the Afghan people to determine their own form of government and to choose their economic, political and social system free from outside intervention, subversion, coercion or constraint of any kind whatsoever;

3. *Calls* for the immediate withdrawal of the foreign troops from Afghanistan;

4. *Calls upon* all parties concerned to work for the urgent achievement of a political solution, in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution, and the creation of the necessary conditions which would enable the Afghan refugees to return voluntarily to their homes in safety and honour;

5. *Renews its appeal* to all States and national and international organizations to continue to extend humanitarian relief assistance, with a view to alleviating the hardship of the Afghan refugees, in co-ordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts of the Secretary-General in the search for a solution to the problem and requests him to continue those efforts with a view to promoting a political solution, in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution, and the exploration of securing appropriate guarantees for non-use of force, or threat of use of force, against the political independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of all neighbouring States, on the basis of mutual guarantees and strict non-interference in each other's internal affairs and with full regard for the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep Member States and the Security Council concurrently informed of the progress towards the implementation of the present resolution and to submit to Member States a report on the situation at the earliest appropriate opportunity;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security".

62nd plenary meeting  
18 November 1981

### 36/38. Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with appreciation* the contribution of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee in the field of progressive development and codification of international law,

*Considering* that the co-operation during the last twenty-five years between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee has been highly fruitful,

*Desiring* to strengthen further and to widen the scope of this mutually beneficial relationship between the two organizations,

1. *Extends its congratulations* to the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on its twenty-fifth anniversary for its highly commendable work in promoting interregional as well as international co-operation supportive of the efforts of the United Nations in this regard;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to carry out consultations with the Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee with a view to further strengthening the co-operation between the two organizations and widening the scope of this co-operation;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session an item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee".

63rd plenary meeting  
18 November 1981

### 36/39. Enlargement of the International Law Commission: amendments to articles 2 and 9 of the Statute of the Commission

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the importance of the International Law Commission as the main permanent subsidiary organ of the General Assembly entrusted with the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification,

*Recalling* its resolution 1647 (XVI) of 6 November 1961, by which the membership of the International Law Commission was established at twenty-five members,

*Noting* that the membership of the United Nations has grown substantially since the adoption of that resolution,

*Conscious* of the increased interest shown by Member States, particularly those admitted to membership in the Organization since 1961, in the Commission's work on the progressive development of international law and its codification,

1. *Decides* to amend article 2, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Law Commission to read as follows:

"The Commission shall consist of thirty-four members who shall be persons of recognized competence in international law";

2. *Also decides* to amend article 9, paragraph 1, of the said Statute to read as follows:

"Those candidates, up to the maximum number prescribed for each regional group, who obtain the greatest

<sup>25</sup> A/36/653-S/14745. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-sixth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1981*.