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Comments by Governments on the question  
of defining aggression

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## 9. BULGARIA

Note verbale from the Permanent Mission to the United Nations  
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Three years have passed since the last session of the Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1181 (XII). Events during that period have shown that the question of defining aggression is more than ever one that deserves the attention of the General Assembly.

The Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria has always been of the opinion that the adoption of a definition of aggression in the form of a General Assembly resolution would enable the United Nations to discharge more effectively its responsibilities relating to the maintenance of international peace and security. There is no question that a definition of aggression would assist the United Nations and the peace-loving peoples in checking the aggressive policies of certain imperialist Powers. Recent events, particularly the aggression committed by the United States against the Viet-Namese people and the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, show that the problem of defining aggression is of the utmost urgency. At a time when the United States is flagrantly violating international law and trampling underfoot the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter, it is more necessary than ever that the General Assembly should resume discussion of the question of defining aggression. Any attempt at this time to evade this responsibility would merely mean playing the game of those who are organizing acts of aggression in a world gripped by acute tension.

It should be recalled that the Soviet Union has submitted concrete proposals on this subject which have been supported by a number of countries, including the People's Republic of Bulgaria. We are convinced that the problem of defining aggression is of such importance as to deserve special attention. It would therefore be unwarranted to attempt to substitute the work undertaken by other Assembly organs on various questions, including that relating to friendly relations and co-operation between States, for such special work as the General Assembly might wish to undertake itself.

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For all these reasons, the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria supports the convening of the Committee established under resolution 1181 (XII), which may be of assistance to the General Assembly in its task of defining aggression.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria would be grateful if the Secretary-General would have this note circulated to all Members of the United Nations.

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