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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW CONCERNING FRIENDLY
RELATIONS AND CO-OPERATION AMONG STATES

QUESTION OF METHODS OF FACT-FINDING

Netherlands: draft resolution

The Special Committee,

Having considered the item The Question of Methods of Fact-Finding,

Having studied the Report of the Secretary-General,

Having heard the views expressed by its members,

Believing that the Report of the Secretary-General clearly shows the value of and
the need for impartial fact-finding in the settlement of international disputes,

Considering, however, that further study is required on the feasibility and
desirability of establishing a special international body for fact-finding or of
entrusting to an existing organization fact-finding responsibilities, complementary to
existing arrangements and without prejudice to the right of parties to any dispute to
seek other peaceful means of settlement of their own choice or to the authority of any
organ of the United Nations to choose other means of fact-finding,

Recommends the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1967 (XVIII) on the question of methods of fact-
finding,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1966 (XVIII),

Noting the report of the Secretary-General and the comments submitted by Governments pursuant to operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of resolution 1967 (XVIII),

Considering that the question of Methods of Fact-Finding requires further study,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to complete his study on the relevant aspects of the problem and in particular with regard to fact-finding not relating to the settlement of international disputes and to report to the General Assembly at its twentieth session;

2. Invites Member States to submit in writing to the Secretary-General, before July 1965, any views or further views they may have on this subject in the light of the reports of the Secretary-General and the report of the Special Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1966 (XVIII) and in particular on the following aspects:

- (a) the need for international fact-finding in general,
- (b) existing arrangements for fact-finding and their effectiveness,
- (c) the need for new machinery for fact-finding, its composition and its terms of reference;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit these comments to Member States before the beginning of the twentieth session.
