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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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The Government of Trinidad and Tobago is convinced that technical assistance aimed at promoting the teaching, study and wider dissemination of the principles of International Law is a worthwhile undertaking which should receive the support of all nations.

International Law plays a vitally important role in world affairs today, and should be the basis on which all disputes between the nations are settled.

Unfortunately, the international legal system has not achieved the same stage of development as municipal legal systems. The result of this has been that International Law fails to achieve that degree of effectiveness which is desirable and is regarded by many nations as a mere body of theory which they may regard or disregard as they choose. With that wider appreciation of the scope and purposes of International Law which can be achieved by the teaching, study and dissemination of its principles one may hope that before long all international disputes will be settled without recourse to war.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago fully supports the objects of the resolution.

Replies to the questionnaire attached to the note referred to above are as follows:

1. There are no local programmes for training in International Law. Other countries have offered scholarships and other training facilities. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago appreciates the assistance received and hopes in due course of time to be able to offer help to others where possible.
2. Assistance is urgently required but there are at present no facilities available for exchange in the field of International Law. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago would welcome any assistance that can be given in this regard.

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3. Trinidad and Tobago is unable at present to render such assistance.
4. None.
5. This Government suggests that a United Nations special fund be established for use in financing training schemes in the general area of International Law. Countries that already have their own training programmes and facilities, could also be asked to participate in a United Nations programme by making some of their own facilities available to others, or extending these where they are already available.
6. This should be welcome. The United Nations could invite the co-operation of such bodies as the International Commission of Jurists. The United Nations could promote visits to various countries by eminent authorities in International Law and could encourage Governments to arrange for seminars in International Law for Parliamentarians of various countries.
