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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
PRINCIPLE OF NON-USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Report of the Sixth Committee

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1. The item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 32/150 of 19 December 1977.
2. On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly decided at its 4th plenary meeting, on 22 September 1978, to include the item in its agenda and at its 5th plenary meeting, held on the same date, to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. In connexion with this item, the Sixth Committee had before it the report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations. 1/
4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 50th and 52nd to 60th meetings, between 16 and 30 November 1978. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.6/33/SR.50 and 52-60) contain views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of this item.
5. At the 52nd meeting, on 20 November, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/33/L.7 and Corr.1) sponsored by Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Hungary, Iraq, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Poland, Sierra Leone, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Viet Nam, later joined by the Central African Empire, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Romania and Togo.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/33/41).

6. The Sixth Committee had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.6/33/L.9) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

7. At its 60th meeting, on 30 November, the Sixth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/33/L.7 and Corr.1 by a recorded vote of 79 to none, with 24 abstentions (see para. 8 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chad, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand, the Ivory Coast, Nicaragua, the Niger, the United States of America, the Federal Republic of Germany, Costa Rica and the United Republic of Cameroon. The representatives of Angola, Trinidad and Tobago and Peru stated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of
the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/9 of 8 November 1976, in which it invited Member States to examine further the draft World Treaty on the Non-Use of Force in

International Relations 2/ submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as well as other proposals made during the consideration of this item,

Recalling in particular its resolution 32/150 of 19 December 1977, whereby it established the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee, 3/

Noting that the Special Committee has commenced work to accomplish the tasks assigned to it,

Taking into account that the Special Committee has not completed the mandate entrusted to it,

Reaffirming the need for universal and effective application of the principle of the non-use of force in international relations and for assistance by the United Nations in this endeavour,

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations;
2. Decides that the Special Committee shall continue its work with the goal of drafting, at the earliest possible date, a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations, as well as on the peaceful settlement of disputes, or such other recommendations as the Committee deems appropriate;
3. Invites the Governments which have not yet done so to communicate their comments or suggestions or to bring them up to date, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/9;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services, including the preparation of summary records of its meetings;
5. Invites the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;
6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations".

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 124, document A/31/243, annex.

3/ Ibid., Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/33/41).