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DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES

Appointment of a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on the
Drafting of an International Convention against the
Taking of Hostages

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In paragraph 1 of resolution 31/103 of 15 December 1976, the General Assembly decided to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, composed of 35 Member States. In paragraph 2 of the resolution, the General Assembly requested the President of the Assembly, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, to appoint the members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and of representation of the principal legal systems of the world.
2. By communications dated 28 June and 9 August 1977 (see A/31/479 and Add.1), the President of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly informed the Secretary-General that he had appointed 34 of the 35 members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the understanding that the remaining member would be appointed as soon as a candidate was nominated by the Eastern European Group.
3. By a communication dated 26 January 1979, the President of the thirty-third session has informed the Secretary-General that, on the basis of a nomination by the Eastern European Group, he had appointed Bulgaria as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee.

4. As a result, the Ad Hoc Committee is now composed of the following 35 Member States:

Algeria	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Barbados	Mexico
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Nicaragua
Canada	Nigeria
Chile	Philippines
Democratic Yemen	Poland
Denmark	Somalia
Egypt	Suriname
France	Sweden
Germany, Federal Republic of	Syrian Arab Republic
Guinea	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Iran	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Italy	United Republic of Tanzania
Japan	United States of America
Jordan	Venezuela
Kenya	Yugoslavia
Lesotho	
