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AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONSReport of the Sixth CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. José María CASTROVIEJO (Spain)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1986, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled "Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations" and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

2. In connection with this item the Sixth Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General entitled "Request for the inclusion of an item in the provisional agenda of the forty-first session; Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations" (A/41/142).

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 45th, 46th and 55th meetings, held on 14, 17 and 26 November 1986. The summary records of those meetings contain the views expressed by the representatives who participated in the debate on the item (see A/C.6/41/SR.45, 46 and 55).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.6/41/L.24

4. At the 55th meeting, on 26 November 1986, the representative of Austria introduced a draft decision (A/C.6/41/L.24) sponsored by Austria, Egypt and Mexico, later joined by Côte d'Ivoire, Greece, Japan, Jordan, Senegal and Zaire.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/41/L.24 by a roll-call vote of 87 to 1, with 23 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: France.

Abstaining: Algeria, Angola, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mongolia, Norway, Poland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Viet Nam.

6. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, France, Bulgaria, Algeria, Tunisia, the Sudan, Norway and Turkey (see A/C.6/41/SR.55).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States
and International Organizations or between International
Organizations

The General Assembly

(a) Welcomes the adoption, on 20 March 1986, by the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations, of the Vienna Convention

on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations, 1/

(b) Considers that the Convention should be signed on behalf of the United Nations;

(c) Expresses the hope that States, as well as international organizations that have the capacity to conclude treaties, will consider taking the steps necessary to become parties to the Convention at an early date.

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