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QUESTION OF ISSUING SPECIAL INVITATIONS TO STATES WHICH
ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR MEMBERS OF ANY
OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OR OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY OR PARTIES TO THE STATUTE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON SPECIAL MISSIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 2530 (XXIV) of 8 December 1969, the General Assembly adopted and opened for signature and ratification or for accession the following instruments:
 - (a) Convention on Special Missions;
 - (b) Optional Protocol concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes.
2. Articles 50 and 52 of the Convention provide that it shall be open for signature or for accession by all States Members of the United Nations or of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency or Parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice and by any other State invited by the General Assembly of the United Nations to become a party to the Convention. Articles IV and VI of the Optional Protocol provide that the Protocol shall be open for signature or for accession by all States which may become parties to the Convention.
3. In its resolution 2530 (XXIV), the Assembly noted that articles 50 and 52 of the above-mentioned Convention enabled it to issue special invitations to States which were not Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency or parties to

the Statute of the International Court of Justice to become parties to the Convention, and stated its conviction that multilateral treaties which dealt with the codification and progressive development of international law, or the object and purpose of which were of interest to the international community as a whole, should be open to universal participation. Accordingly, the Assembly resolved to consider at its twenty-fifth session the question of issuing invitations in order to ensure the widest possible participation in the Convention on Special Missions.

4. In accordance with that decision, the above-mentioned question was placed on the provisional agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly. At its 1843rd plenary meeting, however, the General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to defer consideration of the question until its twenty-sixth session.
