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UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY,
DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1843rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1970, the General Assembly included the item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General" in the agenda of its twenty-fifth session and allocated it to the Sixth Committee. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 1229th and 1235th to 1238th meetings, held between 18 November and 30 November 1970.
2. At the 1229th meeting, on 18 November 1970, the representative of the Secretary-General introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/8130 and Corr.1), giving an account of steps taken or planned by the United Nations, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in furtherance of the objectives of the Programme established by the General Assembly in resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965.
3. The representatives of UNESCO and UNITAR were present in the Sixth Committee and participated in the consideration of the item.

II. PROPOSAL

4. At the 1236th meeting, on 25 November, the representative of Ecuador introduced a draft resolution sponsored by Bolivia, Brazil, Cyprus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Guyana, Kenya, the People's Republic of the Congo, the Philippines, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Zambia (A/C.6/L.811). The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (A/8130 and Corr.1).

"1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to carry out in 1971 the activities specified in his report, including the provision of:

(a) Fifteen fellowships at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) Current United Nations legal publications to institutions in developing countries which have previously received United Nations legal publications under the Programme, and to other institutions in developing countries for which requests for such publications are made by the Member States concerned; and

(c) Assistance in the form of a travel grant for one participant from each developing country invited to the regional symposium in Africa and to the regional training course in Latin America;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to promote training and assistance in international trade law within the framework of the Programme in order to meet the need, particularly on the part of developing countries, for strengthening legal expertise in this field;

"3. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, especially as regards its efforts to develop the teaching of international law;

"4. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional symposia and training courses and in the conduct of the United Nations-UNITAR Fellowship programme in international law;

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"5. Notes with thanks the offer of Ghana to provide facilities for the regional symposium to be held in Africa in 1971;

"6. Reiterates its request to Member States and interested bodies and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme and expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1971 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1972 and subsequent years;

"8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-sixth session an item entitled 'United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law'."

5. At the 1237th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revision (A/C.6/L.811/Rev.1) of their draft resolution. The text of the draft resolution as revised was identical to the draft resolution adopted by the Sixth Committee (see paragraph 9 below).
6. The attention of the Committee was drawn to paragraphs 58, 59 and 60 of the report of the Secretary-General on the Programme (A/8130 and Corr.1) and to a statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.6/L.813) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

III. VOTING

7. At the 1238th meeting, on 30 November 1970, the Sixth Committee voted on the thirteen-Power draft resolution (A/C.6/L.811/Rev.1), as follows:

(a) By a roll-call vote of 69 to 7, with 18 abstentions, the Committee adopted paragraph 2 of the draft resolution. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Congo (Democratic Republic of), Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal,

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Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, People's Republic of the Congo, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Southern Yemen, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Mongolia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Cuba, France, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

(b) By a vote of 85 to none, with 7 abstentions, the Committee adopted the draft resolution as a whole (see paragraph 9 below).

8. At the same meeting, the representatives of Australia, Canada, Chile, France, Greece, Italy, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland spoke in explanation of vote.

IV. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study,
Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law,^{1/}

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to carry out in 1971 the activities specified in his report, including the provision of:

(a) Fifteen fellowships at the request of Governments of developing countries;

^{1/} A/8130 and Corr.1.

(b) Current United Nations legal publications to institutions in developing countries which have previously received United Nations legal publications under the Programme, and to other institutions in developing countries for which requests for such publications are made by the Member States concerned;

2. Further authorizes the Secretary-General to provide assistance in the form of a travel grant for one participant from each developing country invited to the regional symposium in Africa and to the regional training course in Latin America;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to promote training and assistance in international trade law within the framework of the Programme, in order to meet the need, particularly on the part of developing countries, for strengthening legal expertise in this field;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, especially as regards its efforts to develop the teaching of international law;

5. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional symposia and training courses and in the conduct of the United Nations-UNITAR fellowship programme in international law;

6. Notes with thanks the offer of Ghana to provide facilities for the regional symposium to be held in Africa in 1971;

7. Reiterates its request to Member States and interested bodies and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme and expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-sixth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1971 and following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1972 and subsequent years;

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9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-sixth session an item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law".
