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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS
WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 2037th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1972, the General Assembly included the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country"^{1/} as item 91 on the agenda of its twenty-seventh session, and allocated it to the Sixth Committee for consideration and report.
2. The Sixth Committee considered this item at its 1390th and 1393rd meetings on 11 and 12 December 1972.

II. PROPOSALS

3. At the 1390th meeting, on 11 December 1972, the representative of Iraq introduced a draft resolution on the report of the Committee sponsored by Iraq and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/C.6/L.883/Rev.1). This replaced an earlier proposal sponsored by these two delegations (A/C.6/L.883).

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/8726).

III. VOTING

4. At its 1393rd meeting, on 12 December 1972, the Sixth Committee adopted the draft resolution without objection (see para. 5 below).

IV. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, 2/

Drawing attention to its resolutions 2747 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 and 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971, in which it urged the Government of the host country to make certain that the measures taken to ensure the protection and security of permanent missions to the United Nations and their personnel were adequate to enable those missions to perform properly the functions entrusted to them by their Governments,

Recalling the responsibilities of the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and missions accredited to it, their personnel and their correspondence under the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, 3/ the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations 4/ and general international law,

Recalling the duty of missions accredited to the United Nations to respect the laws and regulations of the host country,

Considering that the problems related to the privileges and immunities of the United Nations and to the status of the missions accredited to it are of mutual concern to Member States, including the host country, as well as to the Secretary-General,

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/8726).

3/ General Assembly resolution 169 (II) of 31 October 1947.

4/ General Assembly resolution 22 A (I) of 13 February 1946.

Noting with satisfaction the ratification of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 5/ by the host country,

Taking note of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and of the recommendations contained therein,

1. Condemns all acts of violence, terrorist attacks and harassment against the premises and missions accredited to the United Nations or against their personnel as fundamentally incompatible with the status of such missions and personnel under international law and calls upon the host country to take all appropriate preventive measures;

2. Welcomes the adoption, on 24 October 1972, of the Act for the Protection of Foreign Officials and Official Guests of the United States 6/ and hopes that this Act will form a basis for the application of effective measures against acts of violence, terrorist attacks and harassment directed at the premises of missions accredited to the United Nations or their personnel, including the application of effective measures against the organization of demonstrations and picketing where there is reason to believe that they may be accompanied by acts of violence or may prevent the conduct of the normal business of missions accredited to the United Nations;

3. Considers it necessary that active measures should be taken on the part of the authorities of the host country, the United Nations Secretariat and all others concerned to enhance the relations between the diplomatic community and the local community, in order to ensure the existence of conditions conducive to the effective functioning of the United Nations and the missions accredited to it;

4. Decides that the Committee on Relations with the Host Country should continue its work in 1973 in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) with the purpose of examining all matters falling within its terms of reference;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to furnish all appropriate assistance to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and to bring to its attention issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

6. Requests the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a report on the progress of its work and to make, if it deems necessary, appropriate recommendations;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".

5/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 500, No. 7310, p. 95.

6/ A/8871/Rev.1.