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AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 22 OF THE STATUTE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (SEAT OF THE
COURT) AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO
ARTICLES 23 AND 28

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The International Court of Justice on 20 June 1969 proposed the inclusion in the agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly of an item entitled "Amendment to Article 22 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice (Seat of the Court) and consequential amendments to Articles 23 and 28".^{1/} The item was inscribed on the agenda of the General Assembly and allocated to the Sixth Committee.
2. On 4 December 1969, the General Assembly, acting under Article 69 of the Statute and pursuant to a recommendation of the Security Council, adopted resolution 2520 (XXIV), the operative part of which reads as follows:

"The General Assembly,

.....

"Decides that:

(a) A State which is a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, but is not a Member of the United Nations, may participate in the General Assembly in regard to amendments to the Statute in the same manner as the Members of the United Nations;

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 93, document A/7591. See also *ibid.*, documents A/7591/Add.1, which contains an explanatory memorandum, and A/7591/Add.2, which sets out certain other documents relevant to this item.

(b) Amendments to the Statute of the International Court of Justice shall come into force for all States which are parties to the Statute when they have been adopted by a vote of two thirds of the States which are parties to the Statute and ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional processes by two thirds of the States which are parties to the Statute and in accordance with the provisions of Article 69 of the Statute and Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations."

3. The Sixth Committee, at its 1173rd meeting, on 8 December 1969, at the suggestion of its Chairman, decided to recommend that the General Assembly postpone consideration of the item until its next session.^{2/} The General Assembly at its 1831st plenary meeting, on 12 December 1969, acting on this recommendation, decided to postpone consideration of the item and requested the Secretary-General to include it in the provisional agenda of the Assembly's twenty-fifth session.

^{2/} See ibid., Document A/7847, Paras. 7-8.