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IMPLEMENTATION BY STATES OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION
ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OF 1961 AND MEASURES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
OF PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

Report of the Sixth Committee

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1. At its 2353rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1975, the General Assembly included in the agenda of its thirtieth session the item entitled "Implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and measures to increase the number of parties to the Convention" and allocated it to the Sixth Committee for consideration and report.
2. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 1578th, 1579th, 1580th and 1581st meetings, on 2, 3 and 4 December 1975.
3. At the 1578th meeting, on 2 December the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/L.1031), sponsored by Argentina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mali and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recognizing the importance of maintaining normal diplomatic relations for the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

"Emphasizing the need for observance by all States of the universally recognized principles and rules of international diplomatic law for the maintenance of international peace and security,

"Concerned at the instances of violations of the rules of diplomatic law and, in particular, of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961,

"Noting further that not all States have as yet become parties to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961,

"Recognizing the advisability of developing the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 concerning the status of the diplomatic courier,

"1. Reaffirms the need for strict implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 in the interest of maintaining normal relations between them, strengthening international peace and security and developing international co-operation;

"2. Deplores the instances of violations of the universally recognized rules of international diplomatic law and, in particular, of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961;

"3. Calls upon States which have not yet done so to become parties to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to prepare a report on ways and means to ensure the implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and to submit it to the General Assembly at its next session;

"5. Invites the International Law Commission to begin a study of the question of the elaboration of specific rules concerning the status of the diplomatic courier in the light of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961;

"6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled 'Implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961: report of the Secretary-General'."

4. At the 1579th meeting, on 3 December, several representatives raised objections concerning some aspects of the draft resolution and it was decided to start informal negotiations for adjustments in the text.

5. At the 1581st meeting, on 4 December, the representative of the Soviet Union introduced the revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.1031/Rev.1) on behalf of the original sponsors and the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Mongolia and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

6. At the same meeting, the draft resolution was adopted by consensus (see para. 7 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

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The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of normal diplomatic relations for the maintenance of international peace and security and for the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Emphasizing the need for observance by all States of the principles and rules of international diplomatic law for ensuring normal diplomatic relations,

Concerned at instances of violations of the rules of diplomatic law and, in particular, of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, 1/

Noting further that not all States have yet become parties to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961,

Recognizing the necessity to ascertain the advisability of studying the question of the status of the diplomatic courier in the light of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961,

1. Reaffirms the need for strict implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 in the interest of maintaining normal relations between them, strengthening international peace and security and developing international co-operation;

2. Deplores instances of violations of the rules of international diplomatic law and, in particular, of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961;

3. Urges States which have not yet done so to become parties to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961;

4. Invites Member States to submit to the Secretary-General their comments and observations on ways and means to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 as well as on desirability of the elaboration of provisions concerning the status of the diplomatic courier;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the comments and observations of Member States to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-first session an item entitled "Implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961: report of the Secretary-General".

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