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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution 48/36 of 9 December 1993.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. In connection with the item, the Sixth Committee had before it the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, $\underline{1}$ / which was introduced by the Chairman of the Special Committee at the 7th meeting of the Committee, on 6 October 1994. The report, <u>inter alia</u>, contained the text of a draft Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security, $\underline{2}$ / which the Special Committee was submitting to the General Assembly for consideration and adoption.

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<u>1</u>/ <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session,</u> <u>Supplement No. 33</u> (A/49/33).

<u>2</u>/ Ibid., para. 89.

4. The following communications were also circulated under the item:

(a) Letter dated 29 December 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/49/56-S/26926);

(b) Letter dated 25 June 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the texts of the documents adopted by the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Cairo from 31 May to 3 June 1994 (A/49/287-S/1994/894 and Corr.1);

(c) Letter dated 17 October 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/49/532-S/1994/1179);

(d) Letter dated 18 November 1994 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.6/49/5).

5. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 7th to 12th, 39th and 40th meetings, on 6 and 10 to 14 October and 23 and 25 November 1994. The summary records of those meetings contain the views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item (A/C.6/49/SR.7-12, 39 and 40).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.6/49/L.12

6. At the 39th meeting, on 23 November 1994, the representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of <u>Algeria</u>, <u>Argentina</u>, <u>Australia</u>, <u>Belarus</u>, <u>Belgium</u>, <u>Bulgaria</u>, the <u>Czech Republic</u>, <u>Denmark</u>, <u>Egypt</u>, <u>Finland</u>, <u>France</u>, <u>Georgia</u>, <u>Germany</u>, <u>Greece</u>, <u>Hungary</u>, <u>Italy</u>, <u>Kazakhstan</u>, <u>Kyrgyzstan</u>, <u>New Zealand</u>, <u>Norway</u>, <u>Slovakia</u>, <u>Slovenia</u>, <u>Sweden</u> and <u>Uzbekistan</u>, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security". Subsequently, <u>Armenia</u>, <u>Austria</u>, <u>Japan</u>, <u>Nigeria</u> and <u>Portugal</u> joined in sponsoring the draft resolution (see para. 17, draft resolution I).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/49/L.12 without a vote (see para. 17, draft resolution I).

8. The representatives of Mexico, Israel, Colombia, Cuba and Guatemala made statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution (see A/C.6/49/SR.39 and 40).

B. Draft resolution A/C.6/49/L.3

9. The Sixth Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.6/49/L.3), sponsored by <u>Poland</u>, later joined by <u>Argentina</u>, <u>Armenia</u>, <u>Australia</u>, <u>Belize</u>, <u>Bolivia</u>, <u>Cameroon</u>, <u>Chile</u>, <u>Costa Rica</u>, <u>Georgia</u>, <u>Guatemala</u>, <u>Honduras</u>, <u>Latvia</u>, <u>Lebanon</u>, <u>Lithuania</u>, the <u>Federated States of Micronesia</u>, <u>Mongolia</u>, <u>Nicaragua</u>, <u>Niger</u>, <u>Nigeria</u>, <u>Panama</u>, <u>Papua New Guinea</u>, the <u>Republic of Moldova</u>, <u>Romania</u>, <u>San Marino</u>, <u>Senegal</u>, <u>Turkey</u> and <u>Venezuela</u>, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"<u>Taking into account</u> the fact that in 1995 the United Nations will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Organization,

"<u>Recalling</u> that the founders of the United Nations included in the Charter certain provisions relating to transitional security arrangements, which are set out in Article 107 and in the relevant parts of Article 53,

"Noting that during the entire existence of the Organization those provisions have never been invoked,

"Noting also that the States to which those provisions had been directed are peace-loving Members of the United Nations,

"<u>Noting further</u> that those States represent a potential and valuable asset in all the endeavours of the United Nations, particularly in the maintenance of international peace and security,

"<u>Considering</u> that the provisions of Article 107 and parts of Article 53 have become obsolete and have for decades had no practical significance,

"1. <u>Requests</u> the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, at its session to be held in 1995, to consider, on a priority basis, the question of the deletion of the so-called 'enemy-State' clauses of the Charter of the United Nations, contained in Article 107 and Article 53, paragraphs 1 and 2, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most appropriate legal action to be taken on this question at its fiftieth session;

"2. <u>Decides</u> to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session an item entitled 'Question of the deletion of the so-called "enemy-State" clauses of the Charter of the United Nations, contained in Article 107 and Article 53, paragraphs 1 and 2'."

10. At the 38th meeting, on 18 November 1994, draft resolution A/C.6/49/L.3 was withdrawn.

11. At the 40th meeting, on 25 November 1994, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Croatia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Indonesia, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Tunisia, Ukraine and the United Republic of Tanzania,

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introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization" (A/C.6/49/L.18). Subsequently, <u>Italy, Japan, Kenya, Maldives</u>, the <u>Federated States of Micronesia</u>, the <u>Philippines, Portugal, Spain</u> and <u>Uruguay</u> joined in sponsoring the draft resolution (see para. 17, draft resolution II).

12. At the same meeting, the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea requested a separate vote on the last preambular paragraph and on operative paragraph 4 (c) of the draft resolution.

13. The representative of Poland, under rule 129 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, objected to the motion for division.

14. The motion was rejected by a recorded vote of 103 to 3, with 7 abstentions, as follows:

In favour: Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Sudan.

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Against: Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

<u>Abstaining</u>: Benin, China, Ghana, Haiti, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mozambique, Swaziland.

15. Draft resolution A/C.6/49/L.18 was adopted by a recorded vote of 117 to none, with 1 abstention, as follows: $\underline{3}/$

<u>In favour</u>: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark,

 $[\]underline{3}$ / Subsequently, the delegation of Paraguay indicated that it had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

16. The representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Sudan, Japan, China, Algeria, Cuba and the Russian Federation made statements in explanation of vote.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

17. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/58 of 9 December 1991, 47/38 of 25 November 1992 and 48/36 of 9 December 1993,

<u>Taking note</u> of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, 4/ which met in New York from 7 to 25 March 1994 and completed a draft Declaration

<u>4</u>/ <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session,</u> Supplement No. 33 (A/49/33).

on the enhancement of cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the maintenance of international peace and security,

<u>Convinced</u> that the adoption of the Declaration will contribute towards strengthening the role and enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations and of the regional arrangements or agencies in the maintenance of international peace and security,

<u>Considering</u> the need to ensure a wide dissemination of the text of the Declaration,

<u>Convinced</u> that the Declaration will be a major and specific contribution of the Special Committee to the activities within the United Nations Decade of International Law,

1. <u>Approves</u> the Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution;

2. <u>Expresses its appreciation</u> to the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization for its important contribution to the elaboration of the text of the Declaration;

3. <u>Requests</u> the Secretary-General to inform the Governments of the States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies, the Security Council and regional arrangements or agencies which have observer status in the General Assembly of the adoption of the Declaration;

4. <u>Urges</u> that every effort be made to ensure that the Declaration becomes generally known and fully implemented.

ANNEX

Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security

The General Assembly,

<u>Recalling</u> the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the role of regional arrangements or agencies in the maintenance of international peace and security, in particular the provisions of Chapter VIII of the Charter,

<u>Recalling also</u> that resort to regional arrangements or agencies is among the means referred to in Chapter VI of the Charter for the peaceful settlement of disputes, <u>Recognizing</u> that regional arrangements or agencies can play an important role in preventive diplomacy and in enhancing regional and international cooperation,

<u>Recognizing also</u> the importance of the role of regional arrangements or agencies in dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, provided that such regional arrangements or agencies and their activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

<u>Taking into account</u> the experience gained and the favourable results achieved by regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes in different parts of the world,

<u>Bearing in mind</u> the variety of mandates, scope and composition of regional arrangements or agencies,

<u>Considering</u> that action at the regional level can contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Emphasizing that respect for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of States and non-intervention in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State is crucial to any common endeavour to promote international peace and security,

Emphasizing also that peace-keeping activities undertaken by regional arrangements or agencies should be conducted with the consent of the State in the territory of which such activities are carried out,

Stressing the primary responsibility of the Security Council, under Article 24 of the Charter, for the maintenance of international peace and security,

<u>Emphasizing</u> that the efforts made by regional arrangements or agencies, in their respective fields of competence, in cooperation with the United Nations can usefully complement the work of the Organization in the maintenance of international peace and security,

<u>Stressing</u> the need to enhance cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the maintenance of international peace and security,

<u>Considering</u> that such enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies would promote collective security in accordance with the Charter,

Solemnly declares that:

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the role of regional arrangements or agencies in the maintenance of international peace and security, in particular Chapter VIII of the Charter:

(a) The Members of the United Nations entering into such arrangements or constituting such agencies shall make every effort to achieve pacific settlement of local disputes through such regional arrangements or by such regional agencies before referring them to the Security Council;

(b) The Security Council shall encourage the development of pacific settlement of local disputes through such regional arrangements or by such regional agencies either on the initiative of the States concerned or by reference from the Security Council;

(c) The above provisions in no way impair the application of Articles 34 and 35 of the Charter;

(d) The Security Council shall, where appropriate, utilize such regional arrangements or agencies for enforcement action under its authority, but no enforcement action shall be taken under regional arrangements or by regional agencies without the authorization of the Council;

(e) The Security Council shall at all times be kept fully informed of activities undertaken or in contemplation under regional arrangements or by regional agencies for the maintenance of international peace and security;

2. Regional arrangements or agencies can, in their fields of competence and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, make important contributions to the maintenance of international peace and security, including, where appropriate, through the peaceful settlement of disputes, preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace-keeping and post-conflict peace-building;

3. Cooperation between regional arrangements or agencies and the United Nations, in the maintenance of international peace and security, may take various forms, including, <u>inter alia</u>:

(a) Exchange of information and the holding of consultations at all levels;

(b) Participation as appropriate in the work of the United Nations organs, in accordance with the applicable rules of procedure and practices;

(c) Making available personnel, material and other assistance, where appropriate;

4. Cooperation between regional arrangements or agencies and the United Nations should be in accordance with their respective mandates, scope and composition and should take place in forms that are suited to each specific situation, in accordance with the Charter;

5. Regional efforts undertaken by regional arrangements or agencies in the area of the maintenance of international peace and security, within their respective fields of competence and in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter, should be encouraged and, where appropriate, supported by the Security Council; 6. States participating in regional arrangements or agencies are encouraged to consider the possibility of increasing efforts at the regional level for the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with the Charter;

7. States participating in regional arrangements or agencies are encouraged to promote confidence-building at the regional level for the maintenance of international peace and security;

8. States participating in regional arrangements or agencies are encouraged to consider the possibility of using or, where appropriate, establishing or improving at the regional level procedures and mechanisms for the early detection, the prevention and the peaceful settlement of disputes, in close coordination with the preventive efforts of the United Nations;

9. Regional arrangements or agencies are encouraged to consider, as appropriate, in their fields of competence, ways and means for promoting closer cooperation and coordination with the United Nations with the aim of contributing to the fulfilment of the purposes and principles of the Charter, including in the fields of preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and post-conflict peace-building, and where appropriate, peace-keeping;

10. Regional arrangements or agencies are encouraged to consider, in their fields of competence, the possibility of establishing and training groups of military and civilian observers, fact-finding missions and contingents of peace-keeping forces, for use as appropriate, in coordination with the United Nations and, when necessary, under the authority or with the authorization of the Security Council, in accordance with the Charter;

11. The Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 5/ the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, 6/ the Declaration on the Enhancement of the Effectiveness of the Principle of Refraining from the Threat or Use of Force in International Relations, 7/ the Declaration on the Prevention and Removal of Disputes and Situations Which May Threaten International Peace and Security and on the Role of the United Nations in this Field 8/ and the Declaration on Fact-finding by the United Nations in the Field of the Maintenance of International Peace and Security 9/ are hereby reaffirmed together with their provisions concerning the activities of regional arrangements or agencies in the maintenance of international peace and security;

- 5/ General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.
- 6/ General Assembly resolution 37/10, annex.
- 7/ General Assembly resolution 42/22, annex.
- 8/ General Assembly resolution 43/51, annex.
- 9/ General Assembly resolution 46/59, annex.

12. Nothing in the present Declaration is to be construed as prejudicing in any manner the provisions of the Charter.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The General Assembly,

<u>Recalling</u> its resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it established the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, and its relevant resolutions adopted at subsequent sessions,

<u>Recalling also</u> its resolution 47/233 of 17 August 1993 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly,

<u>Recalling further</u> its resolution 47/62 of 11 December 1992 on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council,

<u>Welcoming</u> the first report of the open-ended working group on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council that was established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993,

<u>Bearing in mind</u> the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh, <u>10</u>/ thirty-ninth, <u>11</u>/ fortieth, <u>12</u>/ forty-first, <u>13</u>/ forty-second, <u>14</u>/ forty-third, <u>15</u>/ forty-fourth, <u>16</u>/ forty-fifth, <u>17</u>/ forty-sixth, <u>18</u>/

- 11/ Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/39/1).
- 12/ Ibid., Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/40/1).
- 13/ Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/41/1).
- 14/ Ibid., Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/42/1).
- 15/ Ibid., Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/43/1).
- 16/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/44/1).
- 17/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/45/1).
- 18/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/46/1).

<u>10</u>/ <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session</u>, <u>Supplement No. 1</u> (A/37/1).

forty-seventh, $\underline{19}$ / forty-eighth, $\underline{20}$ / and forty-ninth $\underline{21}$ / sessions, as well as the views and comments expressed on them by Member States,

<u>Recalling</u> the elements relevant to the work of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization contained in its resolution 47/120 B of 20 September 1993,

Noting the discussions in the Security Council towards strengthening the consultative process in accordance with Article 50 of the Charter with a view to minimizing special economic problems of countries adversely affected as a result of their implementation of preventive or enforcement measures under Chapter VII of the Charter,

<u>Mindful</u> of the desirability for the Special Committee to carry out further work in the fields of the maintenance of international peace and security and the peaceful settlement of disputes between States,

<u>Bearing in mind</u> various proposals submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session aimed at strengthening the role of the Organization, enhancing its effectiveness and achieving equitable representation in the Security Council and increasing its membership,

<u>Having considered</u> the report of the Special Committee on the work of its session held in 1994, $\underline{22}/$

<u>Expresses</u> its appreciation to the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization for its important contribution to the elaboration of the text of the Declaration on the Enhancement of Cooperation between the United Nations and Regional Arrangements or Agencies in the Maintenance of International Peace and Security,

<u>Recalling</u> that the Charter of the United Nations contains references in Article 53 and Article 107 to particular security arrangements concerning certain States,

<u>Noting</u> that the States to which those references have been directed are members of the United Nations and represent a valuable asset in all the endeavours of the Organization,

<u>Considering</u> that the provisions of Article 107 and parts of Article 53 have become obsolete,

- 19/ Ibid., Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/47/1).
- <u>20</u>/ Ibid., <u>Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 1</u> (A/48/1).
- 21/ Ibid., Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/49/1).
- 22/ Ibid., Supplement No. 33 (A/49/33).

1. <u>Takes note</u> of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization; 22/

2. <u>Decides</u> that the Special Committee will hold its next session from 27 February to 10 March 1995;

3. <u>Invites</u> the Secretary-General to submit, before the session of the Committee in 1995, a report on the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter, including Article 50, related to the special economic problems confronting States and arising from the carrying out of sanctions mandated under Chapter VII of the Charter, analysing the proposals and suggestions on this issue contained in the report of the Committee on its 1994 session, <u>13</u>/ giving due attention to the possible practical ways and means of carrying any of them out;

4. <u>Requests</u> the Special Committee, at its session in 1995, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 below:

(a) To accord appropriate time for the consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations and, in this context:

- (i) To continue to consider on a priority basis proposals on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter, including the working paper submitted in this regard to the Special Committee during its last session; <u>23</u>/
- (ii) To consider other specific proposals relating to the maintenance of international peace and security already submitted or which might be submitted to the Special Committee at its session in 1995, including the proposal on the strengthening of the role of the Organization and enhancement of its efficiency and the revised proposal submitted with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of the Security Council with regard to the maintenance of international peace and security;

(b) To continue its work on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States and in this context:

- (i) To continue its consideration of the proposal on United Nations rules for the conciliation of disputes between States;
- (ii) To continue its consideration of other specific proposals relating to the peaceful settlement of disputes between States, including the proposal on the establishment of a dispute settlement service offering or responding with its services early in dispute and those proposals

<u>23</u>/ A/AC.182/L.79.

relating to the enhancement of the role of the International Court of Justice;

(c) To consider the question of the deletion of the "enemy-State" clauses of the Charter of the United Nations, contained in Article 107 and Article 53, paragraphs 1 and 2, and to recommend to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session the most appropriate legal action to be taken on this question;

(d) To continue its consideration of the question of the enhancement of cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the maintenance of international peace and security;

5. <u>Also requests</u> the Special Committee to be mindful of the importance of reaching general agreement whenever this has significance for the outcome of its work;

6. <u>Decides</u> that the Special Committee shall continue to accept the participation of observers of Member States in its meetings, including those of its Working Group, and also decides that the Special Committee shall be authorized to invite other States or intergovernmental organizations to participate in the debate in its plenary meetings on specific items where it considers that such participation would assist in its work;

7. <u>Requests</u> the Special Committee at its next session to continue its review of its membership, to consider in particular the proposal on the full participation of all Member States in its work and to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

8. <u>Also requests</u> the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at the fiftieth session;

9. <u>Decides</u> to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".
