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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. The item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly pursuant to its resolution 34/148 of 17 December 1979.
- 2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1980, 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. At the 71st meeting, on 3 December 1980, the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Committee. 1/ The Sixth Committee also had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Two notes verbales, dated 12 and 19 May 1980, from the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/35/232 and A/35/262);
  - (b) Note verbale dated 28 July 1980 from the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/35/355).
- 4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 71st, 73rd and 74th meetings on 4 and 5 December 1980. The summary records of those meetings (A/C.6/SR.71, 73 and 74) contain the views of the representatives who spoke during the consideration of the item.

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/35/26).

- II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.6/35/L.19 and Rev.1
- 5. On 28 November, Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Benin, Colombia, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, Guinea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe submitted a draft resolution (A/C.6/35/L.19) which reads as follows:

## "The General Assembly,

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

"Recalling Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations and the obligations which bind the Government of the host country with respect to the United Nations and the missions accredited thereto, as well as their personnel, by virtue of the Agreement concluded between the United Nations and the United States of America, and of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, and present international law,

"Recalling further that the problems related to the privileges and immunities of the missions accredited to the United Nations, the security of the missions and the safety of their personnel are of great importance and concern to the Member States, as well as the primary responsibility of the host country,

"Having noted with deep concern the increase of acts of terrorism against the premises and the personnel of the missions accredited to the United Nations and the fact that despite the measures taken by the host country to prevent, apprehend, bring to trial and punish those responsible for such acts, the results have to date not been satisfactory,

"Expressing its profound sympathy for the victims of the acts of terrorism perpetrated against the accredited missions and their personnel,

- "1. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country which appear in paragraph 31 of its report;
- "2. Strongly condemns the acts of terrorism perpetrated against the missions accredited to the United Nations and their personnel;
- "3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to urge the host country to increase and reinforce effective measures aimed at eliminating terrorist acts against the missions and their personnel and to review the effectiveness of such measures in the light of the events that have occurred during the last years;

- "4. Requests the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to continue its work, in conformity with resolution 2819 (XXVI) of the General Assembly;
- "5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country", the said report to include the Secretary-General's considerations concerning the measures applied by the host country."
- 6. At the 74th meeting, the representative of Cuba introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.6/35/L.19/Rev.1) sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Benin, Colombia, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, Guinea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe, later joined by the Ivory Coast.
- 7. At its 74th meeting, on 4 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/35/L.19/Rev.1 by consensus (see para. 8).

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

8. 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, 3/

Recalling Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations  $\frac{1}{4}$ / and the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,  $\frac{5}{4}$ /

Recalling further that the problems related to the privileges and immunities of the missions accredited to the United Nations, the security of the missions and the safety of their personnel are of great importance and concern to the Member States, as well as the primary responsibility of the host country,

Having noted with deep concern the recent increase in acts of terrorism against the premises and personnel of missions accredited to the United Nations, noting

<sup>3/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/35/26).

<sup>4/</sup> Resolution 22 A (I).

<sup>5</sup>/ Resolution 169 (II).

the assurances given by the competent authorities of the host country and recognizing that effective measures should be taken in view of recent developments, in particular to avoid any acts violating the security of missions and the safety of their personnel,

Expressing its sympathy for the victims of the acts of terrorism perpetrated against the accredited missions and their personnel,

- 1. Endorses the recommendations of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country which appear in paragraph 31 of its report;
- 2. Strongly condemns the acts of terrorism perpetrated against the missions accredited to the United Nations and their personnel;
- 3. Requests the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of host country relations with the United Nations, in particular with the need that effective measures should be taken by the host country in view of recent developments, and to follow developments in these areas in co-operation with the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country;
- 4. Requests the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to continue its work, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 December 1971;
- 5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country".