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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE  
ON THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES IN THEIR RELATIONS  
WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled:

"Resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations:

"(a) Resolution relating to the observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States;

"(b) Resolution relating to the application of the Convention in future activities of international organizations"

was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly pursuant to its decision 34/433 of 17 December 1979.

2. On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly decided, at its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1980, to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 74th and 75th meetings, on 4 and 5 December 1980. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.6/35/SR.74 and 75) contain the views of the representatives who spoke during the consideration of the item.

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.6/35/L.25

4. At the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 4 December, the representative of the United Arab Emirates introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/35/L.25) sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, Benin, the Congo, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zambia, which, as orally revised, read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Bearing in mind the resolution of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations, relating to the observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States,

"Noting that the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character 1/ regulates only the representation of States in their relations with international organizations,

"Taking into account the current practice of inviting the above-mentioned national liberation movements to participate as observers in the sessions of the General Assembly, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations family and in the work of the conferences held under the auspices of such international organizations,

"Convinced that the participation of the above-mentioned national liberation movements in the work of international organizations helps to strengthen international peace and co-operation,

"Desirous of ensuring the effective participation of the above-mentioned national liberation movements as observers in the work of international organizations and of regulating, to that end, their status, facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions,

"1. Calls upon the States concerned to accord to the delegations of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States and which are accorded observer status by international organizations the facilities, privileges, and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on this matter.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced an amendment (A/C.6/35/L.26) to the draft resolution, sponsored by Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which, as orally revised, read as follows:

"1. Add a new operative paragraph reading as follows:

'1. Invites all States which have not done so, in particular States hosting international organizations or conferences convened by, or under the auspices of, international organizations of a universal character to consider as soon as possible the question of ratifying, or acceding to, the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;'

"2. Renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly."

6. At the 75th meeting, on 5 December, it was indicated that the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/35/L.25, as orally revised, had accepted the amendment contained in document A/C.6/35/L.26, as orally revised.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and further amended, by a recorded vote of 70 to 10, with 29 abstentions. 2/ The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Burma, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Spain, Sweden, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela.

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2/ The representative of Djibouti indicated that, had he been present during the vote, he would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

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8. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Canada, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, China, Chile, Austria, Brazil, Japan, Italy, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Central African Republic.

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

Observer status of national liberation movements recognized  
by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League  
of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the resolution of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations relating to the observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States,

Noting that the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character <sup>3/</sup> regulates only the representation of States in their relations with international organizations,

Taking into account the current practice of inviting the above-mentioned national liberation movements to participate as observers in the sessions of the General Assembly, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and in the work of the conferences held under the auspices of such international organizations,

Convinced that the participation of the national liberation movements referred to above in the work of international organizations helps to strengthen international peace and co-operation,

Desirous of ensuring the effective participation of the above-mentioned national liberation movements as observers in the work of international organizations and of regulating, to that end, their status and the facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions,

1. Invites all States which have not done so, in particular which are hosts to international organizations or to conferences convened by, or held under the auspices of, international organizations of a universal character, to consider as soon as possible the question of ratifying, or acceding to, the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

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<sup>3/</sup> A/CONF.67/16.

2. Calls upon the States concerned to accord to the delegations of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States, and which are accorded observer status by international organizations, the facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.