

Noting also the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization,¹⁶ especially the work done on the draft Manila declaration on the peaceful settlement of international disputes,¹⁷

Taking into account the suggestions and opinions expressed during the examination at its current session of the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States,

Bearing in mind the wide consultations that have taken place in connexion with the content of the declaration on the peaceful settlement of international disputes and the fruitful activity in the Working Group, established at the current session of the General Assembly, which continued the elaboration of the declaration,

1. *Calls again upon* all States to adhere strictly in their international relations to the principle that States shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered;

2. *Considers* that the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes should represent one of the central concerns for States and that, to this end, the efforts for examining and further developing the principle of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States and the means of consolidating its full observance by all States in their international relations should be continued;

3. *Considers also* that the elaboration, as soon as possible, of a declaration of the General Assembly on the peaceful settlement of international disputes is likely to contribute to the strengthening of the role and the efficiency of the United Nations in preventing conflicts and settling them peacefully;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization to continue the elaboration of the draft Manila declaration on the peaceful settlement of international disputes with a view to submitting it for further consideration to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

5. *Refers to* the Special Committee the report of its Working Group on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes,¹⁸ as well as the views expressed at the current session of the General Assembly on the contents of the declaration;

6. *Expresses the hope* that the States which have not yet transmitted to the Secretary-General their opinions on that matter will do so as soon as possible in order to contribute, in this way also, to the elaboration of the declaration;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States".

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35/161. Consideration of the draft articles on most-favoured-nation clauses

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/139 of 19 December 1978 relating to the report of the International Law Commission

¹⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/35/33 and Corr.1).*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 159.

¹⁸ A/C.6/35/L.21.

on the work of its thirtieth session, in particular section II of the resolution,

Having considered the item entitled "Consideration of the draft articles on most-favoured-nation clauses", including the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to resolution 33/139,¹⁹

Bearing in mind the importance of facilitating international trade and development of economic cooperation among all States on the basis of equality, mutual advantage and non-discrimination in the establishment of the new international economic order,

Aware of the fact that more replies from States and interested intergovernmental agencies are needed,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reiterate his invitation to Member States, organs of the United Nations which have competence in the subject-matter and interested intergovernmental organizations to submit or bring up to date, not later than 30 June 1981, their written comments and observations on chapter II of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirtieth session²⁰ and, in particular, on:

(a) The draft articles on most-favoured-nation clauses adopted by the Commission;

(b) Those provisions relating to such clauses on which the Commission was unable to take decisions;

and also requests States to comment on the recommendation of the Commission that those draft articles should be recommended to Member States with a view to the conclusion of a convention on the subject;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate, before the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, the comments and observations submitted in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to bring up to date, in view of the comments and observations mentioned in paragraph 2 above, the analytical compilation of comments and observations from Governments, organs of the United Nations which have competence in the subject-matter and interested intergovernmental organizations;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "Consideration of the draft articles on most-favoured-nation clauses" and to consider it at an early stage.

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35/162. Review of the multilateral treaty-making process

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that multilateral treaties are an important primary source of international law,

Conscious, therefore, that the process of elaboration of multilateral treaties, directed towards the progressive development of international law and its codification, forms an important part of the work of the United Nations and of the international community in general,

Recalling its resolution 32/48 of 8 December 1977, by which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a

¹⁹ A/35/203 and Add.1-3.

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/33/10).*