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32/44. Respect for human rights in armed conflicts

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the necessity to eliminate the scourge of war which has brought untold sorrow to mankind,

Recalling the fundamental principle of international law set out in Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations that all Members shall refrain from the threat or use of force in their international relations,

Reaffirming the need to secure the full observance of human rights in armed conflicts pending the earliest possible termination of such conflicts,

Convinced of the continuing value of established humanitarian rules relating to armed conflicts, in particular the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907,² the

Geneva Protocol of 1925³ and the Geneva Conventions of 1949,⁴

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on the fourth session of the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts, held at Geneva from 17 March to 10 June 1977,⁵

1. *Welcomes* the successful conclusion of the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts which has resulted in two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, adopted by the Diplomatic Conference on 8 June 1977, namely, Protocol I relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts⁶ and Protocol II relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts;⁷

³ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV, No. 2138, p. 65.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

⁵ A/32/144 and Add.1.

⁶ A/32/144, annex I.

⁷ *Ibid.*, annex II.

¹ For the decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee, see sect. X.B.8.

² Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, *The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907* (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915).

2. *Notes* the recommendation, approved by the Diplomatic Conference, that a special conference be called on the issue of prohibition or restriction of use for humanitarian reasons of specific conventional weapons;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Swiss Federal Council for acting as host to the four sessions of the Diplomatic Conference, and to the International Committee of the Red Cross for preparing the basis for discussion and for its constant assistance to the Conference;

4. *Urges States* to consider without delay the matter of signing and ratifying or acceding to the two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, which will be opened for signature on 12 December 1977 in Berne;

5. *Appeals* to States which have not done so to become parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949;

6. *Calls upon* all parties to armed conflicts to acknowledge and to comply with their obligations under the existing instruments of international humanitarian law and to observe the international humanitarian rules which are applicable, in particular the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907, the Geneva Protocol of 1925 and the Geneva Conventions of 1949;

7. *Calls upon* all States to take effective steps for the dissemination of humanitarian rules applicable in armed conflicts;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a report concerning the state of signatures and ratifications of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the state of signatures and ratifications of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 concerning the respect for human rights in armed conflicts".

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32/45. 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,

Recalling its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955, 2285 (XXII) of 5 December 1967, 2552 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2697 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 2968 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and 3349 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,

Recalling also its resolutions 2925 (XXVII) of 27 November 1972, 3073 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973 and 3282 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations,

Recalling especially 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 resolution 31/28 of 29 November 1976,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee,⁸

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/32/33).*

Noting that the Special Committee has examined in detail the observations received from Governments contained in the Secretary-General's analytical study concerning suggestions and proposals regarding the Charter of the United Nations and the strengthening of the role of the United Nations with regard to the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the development of co-operation among all nations and the promotion of the rules of international law in relations between States,⁹

Considering that the Special Committee has not yet completed the mandate given to it,

Reaffirming its support for the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization;

2. *Decides* that the Special Committee should continue its work in pursuance of the following tasks with which it is entrusted:

(a) To list the proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee and to identify those which have awakened special interest;

(b) To examine proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee with a view to according priority to the consideration of those areas on which general agreement is possible;

3. *Requests* the Special Committee to be mindful of the importance of reaching general agreement whenever it has significance for the outcome of its work;

4. *Urges* members of the Special Committee to participate fully in its work in fulfilment of the mandate entrusted to it;

5. *Invites* Governments to submit, or to bring up to date, their observations and proposals in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3499 (XXX);

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render all assistance to the Special Committee, including the preparation of summary records of its meetings;

7. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third 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".

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32/46. 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,¹⁰

1. *Accepts* the recommendations of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 26 of its report;

⁹ *Ibid.*, annex II, document A/AC.182/L.2.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 26 (A/32/26).