

in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the organs of the United Nations;

4. *Condemns* the continuation of repressive and terrorist acts by colonial, racist and alien régimes in denying peoples their legitimate right to self-determination and independence and other human rights and fundamental freedoms;

5. *Appeals* to States which have not yet done so to examine the possibility of becoming parties to the existing international conventions which relate to various aspects of the problem of international terrorism;

6. *Invites* States to take all appropriate measures at the national level with a view to the speedy and final elimination of the problem, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 3 above;

7. *Invites the Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism* to continue its work in accordance with the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly under resolution 3034 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, first by studying the underlying causes of terrorism and then by recommending practical measures to combat terrorism;

8. *Invites* the States which have not yet done so to submit their observations and concrete proposals as soon as possible to the Secretary-General so as to enable the *Ad Hoc Committee* to carry out its mandate more efficiently;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the *Ad Hoc Committee* an analytical study of the observations of States submitted under paragraph 8 above;

10. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc Committee* to consider the observations of States under paragraph 8 above and to submit its report with recommendations for possible co-operation for the speedy elimination of the problem, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 3, to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the *Ad Hoc Committee* with the necessary facilities and services, including summary records of its meetings;

12. *Decides* to include the item in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session.

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16 December 1977*

32/148. Drafting of an international convention against the taking of hostages

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/103 of 15 December 1976,

Having considered the report of the *Ad Hoc Committee* on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Taking of Hostages,²⁶

Considering that the *Ad Hoc Committee* has been unable to complete the mandate given to it within the allocated time,

Mindful of the need to conclude, under the auspices of the United Nations, an international convention against the taking of hostages, taking into account the

urgency of formulating effective measures to put an end to the taking of hostages,

Bearing in mind the recommendation of the *Ad Hoc Committee* that it should continue its work in 1978,²⁷

1. *Takes note* of the report of the *Ad Hoc Committee* on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Taking of Hostages;

2. *Decides* that the *Ad Hoc Committee*, as constituted,²⁸ should continue, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 31/103, to draft at the earliest possible date an international convention against the taking of hostages and, in the fulfilment of its mandate, to consider suggestions and proposals from any State, bearing in mind the views expressed during the debate on this item at the thirty-second session of the Assembly;

3. *Invites* Governments to submit, or to bring up to date, suggestions and proposals for consideration by the *Ad Hoc Committee*;

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

5. *Requests* the *Ad Hoc Committee* to submit its report and to make every effort to submit a draft convention against the taking of hostages to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session the item entitled "Drafting of an international convention against the taking of hostages".

*105th plenary meeting
16 December 1977*

32/150. Conclusion of a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations²⁹

The General Assembly,

Considering that, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, States shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the need for universal and effective application of this principle in international relations and for assistance by the United Nations in this endeavour,

Recalling its resolution 31/9 of 8 November 1976, in which it invited Member States to examine further the draft World Treaty on the Non-Use of Force in International Relations³⁰ submitted by the Union of

²⁷ *Ibid.*, para. 14.

²⁸ As a result of the appointment of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (see A/31/479/Add.1), the *Ad Hoc Committee* on the Drafting of an International Convention against the Taking of Hostages is composed of the following Member States: Algeria, Barbados, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Chile, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guinea, Iran, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Somalia, Surinam, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

²⁹ See also sect. X.B.2, decision 32/442.

³⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Annexes*, agenda item 124, document A/31/243, annex.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 39 (A/32/39).

Soviet Socialist Republics as well as other proposals and statements made during the consideration of this item,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General which contains views and suggestions of Member States on the conclusion of a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations,³¹

1. *Decides* to establish a Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations, composed of thirty-five Member States to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and representing the principal legal systems of the world;

2. *Instructs* the Special Committee to consider proposals and suggestions submitted by any State, bearing in mind the views expressed during the debates on this item at the thirty-first and thirty-second sessions of the General Assembly, with the goal of drafting a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations as well as the peaceful settlement of disputes or such other recommendations as the Committee deems appropriate;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services, including the preparation of summary records of the meetings of the Committee;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-third session an item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations".

*106th plenary meeting
19 December 1977*

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The President of the General Assembly subsequently informed the Secretary-General³² that, in accordance with paragraph 1 of the above resolution, he had appointed the members of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations.

As a result, the Special Committee is composed of the following Member States: ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, CHILE, CUBA, CYPRUS, ECUADOR, EGYPT, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF, GREECE, GUINEA, HUNGARY, INDIA, IRAQ, ITALY, JAPAN, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NEPAL, POLAND, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SOMALIA, SPAIN, TOGO, TURKEY, UGANDA, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

32/151. Report of the International Law Commission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-ninth session,³³

Emphasizing the need for the progressive development of international law and its codification in order to make it a more effective means of implementing the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and

Co-operation among States,³⁴ and to give increased importance to its role in relations among States,

Noting with appreciation the work done by the International Law Commission on State responsibility, succession of States in respect of matters other than treaties and treaties concluded between States and international organizations or between international organizations,

Noting with satisfaction the conclusions reached by the International Law Commission regarding the study of other topics under current consideration,

Welcoming the review made by the International Law Commission of possible additional topics for future study and the continued attention paid by it to the question of rationalizing further its organization and methods of work,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its twenty-ninth session;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for the work accomplished at that session;

3. *Approves* the programme of work planned by the International Law Commission for 1978;

4. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission should:

(a) Complete at its thirtieth session the second reading of the draft articles on the most-favoured-nation clause adopted at its twenty-eighth session, as recommended by the General Assembly in resolution 31/97 of 15 December 1976;

(b) Continue on a high priority basis its work on State responsibility, taking into account resolutions of the General Assembly adopted at previous sessions, with the aim of completing at least the first reading of the set of articles constituting part I of the draft on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts, within the present term of office of the members of the International Law Commission;

(c) Proceed with the preparation, on a priority basis, of draft articles on:

(i) Succession of States in respect of matters other than treaties, in an endeavour to complete the first reading of the set of articles concerning State property and State debts;

(ii) Treaties concluded between States and international organizations or between international organizations;

(d) Continue its work on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses;

5. *Endorses* the conclusions reached by the International Law Commission to study the proposals on the elaboration of a protocol concerning the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 31/76 of 13 December 1976;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions reached by the International Law Commission regarding the second part of the topic of relations between States and international organizations;

7. *Invites* the International Law Commission, at an appropriate time and in the light of progress made on the draft articles on State responsibility for internationally wrongful acts and on other topics in its current programme of work, to commence work on the topics of international liability for injurious con-

³¹ A/32/181 and Add.1.

³² A/32/500.

³³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/32/10).*

³⁴ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.