in Article 27, by an affirmative vote of nine members instead of seven,

Considering that these amendments make it necessary also to amend Article 109 of the Charter,

1. Decides to adopt, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the following amendment to the Charter and to submit it for ratification by the States Members of the United Nations:

"In Article 109, paragraph 1, the word 'seven' in the first sentence shall be replaced by the word 'nine'";

2. Calls upon all Member States to ratify the above amendment, in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, at the earliest possible date.

1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965.

2102 (XX). Consideration of steps to be taken for progressive development in the field of private international law with a particular view to promoting international trade

The General Assembly,

Recalling that it is one of the purposes of the United Nations to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of such common ends as the achievement of international co-operation in solving, inter alia, international economic problems,

Mindful of its responsibilities under Article 13 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Considering that conflicts and divergencies arising from the laws of different States in matters relating to international trade constitute an obstacle to the development of world trade,

Believing that the interests of all peoples, and particularly those of developing countries, demand the betterment of conditions favouring the extensive development of international trade,

Recognizing the efforts made by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and by inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, towards the progressive unification and harmonization of the law of international trade by promoting the adoption of international conventions, uniform or model legislation, standard contract provisions, general conditions of sale, standard trade terms and other measures.

Convinced that it is desirable to further co-operation among the agencies active in this field and to explore the need for other measures for the progressive unification and harmonization of the law of international trade.

Taking note of the preliminary study prepared by the Secretariat on this subject, 10

- 1. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session a comprehensive report including:
- (a) A survey of the work in the field of unification and harmonization of the law of international trade;
- (b) An analysis of the methods and approaches suitable for the unification and harmonization of the various topics, including the question whether particular topics are suitable for regional, inter-regional or worldwide action;
- (c) Consideration of the United Nations organs and other agencies which might be given responsibilities

with a view to furthering co-operation in the development of the law of international trade and to promoting its progressive unification and harmonization;

2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-first session an item entitled "Progressive development of the law of international trade".

1404th plenary meeting, 20 December 1965.

2103 (XX). Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1505 (XV) of 12 December 1960, 1686 (XVI) of 18 December 1961, 1815 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and 1966 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963,

Recalling further that among the fundamental purposes of the United Nations are the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Considering that the faithful observance of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations is of paramount importance for the maintenance of international peace and security and the improvement of the international situation,

Considering further that the progressive development and codification of these principles, so as to secure their more effective application, would promote the realization of the purposes of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, which met at Cairo in 1964, recommended to the General Assembly of the United Nations the adoption of a declaration on these principles as an important step towards their codification,

Being convinced of the significance of continuing the effort to achieve general agreement at every stage of the process of the elaboration of the seven principles of international law set forth in General Assembly resolution 1815 (XVII), without prejudice to the applicability of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and with a view to the early adoption of a declaration which would constitute a landmark in the progressive development and codification of these principles,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States, 11 established by General Assembly resolution 1966 (XVIII), which met in Mexico City from 27 August to 2 October 1964,

Having also considered, pursuant to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 1966 (XVIII), the principle of the duty of States to co-operate with one another in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples and the principle that States shall fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with the Charter,

¹⁰ Ibid., agenda item 92, document A/C.6/L.572.

¹¹ Ibid., agenda items 90 and 94, document A/5746.