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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/624)]

51/206. Convention on the law of the non-  
navigational uses of international  
watercourses

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind Article 13, paragraph 1 (a), of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its resolution 49/52 of 9 December 1994, by which it decided that the Sixth Committee should convene, at the beginning of the fifty-first session, as a working group of the whole to elaborate a framework convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses on the basis of the draft articles adopted by the International Law Commission,

Noting that some progress was achieved in the elaboration of the convention, but that the Working Group of the Whole will need more time to complete its mandate,

1. Takes note of the report of the Working Group of the Whole;<sup>1</sup>
2. Decides to convene a second session of the Working Group of the Whole, for a period of two weeks from 24 March to 4 April 1997, to elaborate a framework convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses;
3. Also decides that on the completion of its mandate the Working Group of the Whole shall report directly to the General Assembly;

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<sup>1</sup> A/C.6/51/L.3.

4. Further decides that the provisions of paragraph 5 of resolution 49/52 shall continue to apply and that the methods of work and procedures outlined in the annex to the present resolution shall be followed.

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ANNEX

Methods of work and procedures

1. The Working Group of the Whole shall continue its work building on the work already carried out by the Drafting Committee and the Working Group as reflected in their reports,<sup>2</sup> including the oral report of the President of the Drafting Committee.<sup>3</sup>
2. The Working Group of the Whole shall maintain its Drafting Committee which shall consider the provisions of the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission that it was unable to consider in its previous meetings, as well as the draft preamble and the set of final clauses.
3. Other issues arising from the reports referred to in paragraph 1 of the present annex, including those between brackets and with footnotes, shall be discussed in the Working Group of the Whole. The Working Group of the Whole may decide to refer to the Drafting Committee aspects of drafting related to those issues.
4. The Working Group of the Whole shall endeavour to adopt all texts by general agreement. Failing such an agreement within a reasonable period of time, it will take its decisions in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

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<sup>2</sup> A/C.6/51/NUW/WG/L.1 and Corr.1 and 2, Add.1, Add.2 and Corr.1, Add.3 and Corr.1 and Add.4 and A/C.6/51/L.3.

<sup>3</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Sixth Committee, 24th meeting (A/C.6/51/SR.24), and corrigendum.