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MEASURES TO PREVENT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WHICH ENDANGERS OR TAKES INNOCENT HUMAN LIVES OR JEOPARDIZES FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, AND STUDY OF THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THE FORMS OF TERRORISM AND ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH LIE IN MISERY, FRUSTRATION, GRIEVANCE AND DESPAIR AND WHICH CAUSE SOME PEOPLE TO SACRIFICE HUMAN LIVES, INCLUDING THEIR OWN, IN AN ATTEMPT TO EFFECT RADICAL CHANGES

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and study of the underlying causes of the forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 15 of Assembly resolution 34/145 of 17 December 1979.
2. On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly, at its 4th plenary meeting, on 18 September 1981, decided to include the item in the agenda of its thirty-sixth session and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. In connexion with this item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/36/425), which was submitted by the Legal Counsel at the 63rd meeting, on 1 December.
4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 63rd to 70th meetings, on 1-4 December. The summary records of those meetings (A/C.6/36/SR.63-70) contain the views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of the item.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

5. The Committee also had before it a draft resolution (A/C.6/36/L.30), sponsored by Cuba, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, later joined by the Niger, Togo and Zaire. At the 70th meeting, on 4 December, the representative of Yugoslavia, on behalf of the sponsors, submitted a revised version of the draft resolution (A/C.6/36/L.30/Rev.1) which was identical with draft resolution A/C.6/36/L.30 except for the present fifth preambular paragraph, which had been added.

6. In connexion with another draft resolution (A/C.6/36/L.28) sponsored by Cuba and Mongolia, it was announced at the 70th meeting, on 4 December, that the sponsors would not press it to a vote.

7. At the 70th meeting, on 4 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/36/L.30/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and study of the underlying causes of the forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3034 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 31/102 of 15 December 1976, 32/147 of 16 December 1977 and 34/145 of 17 December 1979,

Recalling also the Declaration of Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/ the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, 2/ the Definition of Aggression, 3/ as well as the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, 4/

1/ General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

2/ General Assembly resolution 2734 (XXV).

3/ General Assembly resolution 3314 (XXIX), annex.

4/ A/32/144, annexes I and II.

Deeply concerned over continuing acts of international terrorism which take a toll of innocent human lives,

Convinced of the importance of international co-operation for dealing with acts of international terrorism,

Reaffirming the principle of self-determination of peoples as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of all peoples under colonial and racist régimes and other forms of alien domination, and upholding the legitimacy of their struggle, in particular the struggle of national liberation movements, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter and of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/

Having re-examined the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism, 5/

Having also examined the report of the Secretary-General, 6/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. Re-endorses the recommendations submitted to the General Assembly relating to practical measures of co-operation for the speedy elimination of the problem of international terrorism;
3. Calls upon all States to observe and implement the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on International Terrorism to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;
5. Decides to include the item in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session.

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/34/37).

6/ A/36/427.