



UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY



Distr.  
LIMITED

A/C.3/L.751/Add.6  
18 November 1969

ENGLISH  
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH/FRENCH/  
SPANISH/RUSSIAN

Twenty-fourth session  
SIXTH COMMITTEE  
Agenda item 87

Preamble

DRAFT CONVENTION ON SPECIAL MISSIONS

Preamble: text adopted by the Drafting Committee

CONVENTION ON SPECIAL MISSIONS

The States Parties to the present Convention,

Recalling that special treatment has always been accorded to special missions,

Having in mind the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the sovereign equality of States, the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Recalling that the importance of the question of special missions was recognized during the United Nations Conference on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities and in resolution I adopted by the Conference on 10 April 1961,

Considering that the United Nations Conference on Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities adopted the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations which was opened for signature on 18 April 1961,

Considering that the United Nations Conference on Consular Relations adopted the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations which was opened for signature on 24 April 1963,

Relieving that an international convention on special missions would complement those two Conventions and would contribute to the development of friendly relations among nations, whatever their constitutional and social systems,

Realizing that the purpose of privileges and immunities is not to benefit individuals but to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of special missions as missions representing the State,

Affirming that the rules of customary international law continue to govern questions not regulated by the provisions of the present Convention,

Have agreed as follows:

-----