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THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled:

"Resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations:

"(a) Resolution relating to the observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States;

"(b) Resolution relating to the application of the Convention in future activities of international organizations"

was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 35/167 of 15 December 1980.

2. On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly decided, at its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1982, to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. In connection with this item, the Sixth Committee had before it a report of the Secretary-General on the resolution relating to the observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States (subitem (a)) (A/37/326 and Add.1).

4. The Committee considered the item at its 63rd to 65th meetings, from 6 to 8 December, and at its 68th meeting, on 10 December. The summary records of those meetings (A/C.6/37/SR.63-65 and 68) contain the views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of this item.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.6/37/L.30

5. At its 64th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of the United Arab Emirates introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/37/L.30) sponsored by Algeria, Bahrain, Benin, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Iraq, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mali, the Niger, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Yugoslavia, later joined by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

6. At its 68th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/37/L.30 by 76 votes to 10, with 16 abstentions (see para. 8).

7. The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France, the Netherlands, Italy, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Belgium, Mexico and Japan.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

Observer status of national liberation movements recognized
by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League
of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/167 of 15 December 1980,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

Bearing in mind the resolution of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations

1/ A/37/326 and Add.1.

relating to the observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States, 2/

Noting that the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character 3/ regulates only the representation of States in their relations with international organizations,

Taking into account the current practice of inviting the above-mentioned national liberation movements to participate as observers in the sessions of the General Assembly, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and in the work of the conferences held under the auspices of such international organizations,

Convinced that the participation of the national liberation movements referred to above in the work of international organizations helps to strengthen international peace and co-operation,

Desirous of ensuring the effective participation of the above-mentioned national liberation movements as observers in the work of international organizations and of regulating, to that end, their status and the facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions,

1. Invites all States that have not done so, in particular those which are hosts to international Organizations or to conferences convened by, or held under the auspices of, international organizations of a universal character, to consider as soon as possible the question of ratifying, or acceding to, the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

2. Calls once more upon the States concerned to accord to the delegations of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States, and which are accorded observer status by international organizations, the facilities, privileges and immunities necessary for the performance of their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2/ See Official Records of the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in Their Relations with International Organizations, Vienna, 4 February-14 March 1975, vol. II (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.V.12), p. 201, document A/CONF.67/15, annex.

3/ Ibid., p. 207, document A/CONF.67/16.