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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Report of the Sixth Committee

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### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 36/31 of 13 November 1981.
2. On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly, at its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1982, decided to include the item in the agenda of its thirty-seventh session and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. In connexion with this item, the Sixth Committee had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations; 1/
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General containing observations received from Governments (A/37/375).
4. The Committee also had before it the following communications:

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/37/41).

- (a) Note verbale date 10 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/279-S/15196);
- (b) Letter dated 28 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/584-S/15471);
- (c) Letter dated 12 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/635-S/15497).

5. The Committee considered the item at its 31st to 40th meetings and at its 57th meeting, from 29 October 1982 to 9 November 1982 and on 29 November 1982. The summary records of those meetings (see A/C.6/37/SR.31-40 and 57) contain the views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of the item.

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.6/37/L.11

6. At the 57th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/37/L.11) on behalf of Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Grenada, Hungary, India, Iraq, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Poland, Romania, Uganda, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Viet Nam, later joined by Syrian Arab Republic. On 30 November 1982, the representative of Mali advised the Chairman and the secretariat of the Sixth Committee that Mali should have been added to the original sponsors of the draft resolution.

7. The Committee had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.6/37/L.14) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.6/37/L.11.

8. At its 57th meeting, on 29 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/37/L.11 by a recorded vote of 87 to 15, with 9 abstentions (see para. 10). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic

Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, China, Democratic Kampuchea, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden, Turkey.

9. Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Norway, the Netherlands and Australia.

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness  
of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/9 of 8 November 1976, in which it invited Member States to examine further the draft World Treaty on the Non-Use of Force in International Relations, 2/ as well as other proposals made during the consideration of this item,

Recalling also its resolution 32/150 of 19 December 1977, by which it established the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations,

Recalling, in particular, its resolutions 33/96 of 16 December 1978, 34/13 of 9 November 1979, 35/50 of 4 December 1980 and 36/31 of 13 November 1981, in which it decided that the Special Committee should continue its work,

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2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/34/41 and Corr.1), annex.

Taking note of the statement made by the Chairman of the Special Committee at its 1982 session, 3/

Having considered the report of the Special Committee, 4/

Taking into account that the Special Committee has not completed the mandate entrusted to it,

Reaffirming the need for universal and effective application of the principle of the non-use of force in international relations and for assistance by the United Nations in this endeavour,

Expressing the hope that the Special Committee will, on the basis of the proposals before it, complete the mandate entrusted to it as soon as possible,

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations;
2. Decides that the Special Committee shall continue its work with the goal of drafting, at the earliest possible date, a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations as well as the peaceful settlement of disputes or such other recommendations as the Committee deems appropriate;
3. Requests the Special Committee, in order to ensure further progress in its work, to begin at its forthcoming session, as the next step, the elaboration of the formulas of the working paper containing the main elements of the principle of non-use of force in international relations, taking duly into account the proposals submitted to it and, in particular, the efforts undertaken at its session in 1982;
4. Invites the Governments that have not yet done so to communicate their comments or suggestions or to bring them up to date, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/9;
5. Requests the Special Committee to be mindful of the importance of reaching general agreement whenever it has significance for the outcome of its work;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services;
7. Invites the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;
8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations".

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3/ Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/37/41), para. 372.

4/ Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/37/41).