

tions of 1961 has increased since the adoption by the General Assembly of the above-mentioned resolutions,

*Convinced* of the desirability of the widespread acceptance of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the necessity for strict observance and implementation by States of the provisions consolidated in that Convention in the interest of maintaining normal relations among them and developing international co-operation,

*Concerned* both at continuing instances of violations of the generally recognized rules of diplomatic law and at instances of violations of security of diplomatic missions and safety of their personnel,

*Noting with appreciation* the study by the International Law Commission of the proposals on the elaboration of a protocol concerning the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier, which could constitute a further development of international diplomatic law,

1. *Requests* those States which have not yet become parties to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 to give urgent consideration to acceding to that Convention;

2. *Calls upon* all States to observe and strictly implement the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, especially to ensure better security of diplomatic missions and safety of their personnel, provided for in that Convention;

3. *Notes* the invitation in General Assembly resolution 33/139 of 19 December 1978 to States to submit written comments on the preliminary study carried out by the International Law Commission concerning the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier, and observes that, in replying to such a request, States may also include comments and observations on the implementation of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 to be submitted to the Assembly at a future session;

4. *Reaffirms* the continuing interest of the General Assembly in the implementation by States of the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961;

5. *Decides* that the General Assembly will give further consideration to this question and expresses the view that, unless Member States indicate the desirability of an earlier consideration, it would be appropriate to do so when the International Law Commission submits to the Assembly the results of its work on the possible elaboration of an appropriate legal instrument on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier.

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**33/141. Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Conscious* of the obligations resulting from Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on that question,<sup>22</sup>

*Noting* the considerable increase in the number of international agreements in the past ten years,

*Also noting* that the delays in registration and publication have at the same time increased to the point where the implementation of Article 102 of the Charter may be seriously jeopardized,

*Convinced* that, taking into account the means available to the United Nations, the situation cannot be remedied without reforming the publication procedure currently provided for by the General Assembly regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations<sup>23</sup> in order to adapt it to the evolution of international treaty activities, with due respect for the spirit and intent of the Charter,

*Recalling* that, by its resolution 32/144 of 16 December 1977, it has already approved, as a temporary measure, the establishment of a priority system for the publication of treaties and other international agreements in the United Nations *Treaty Series*,

*Amends* article 12 of the General Assembly regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations to read as follows:

**“Article 12**

“1. The Secretariat shall publish as soon as possible in a single series every treaty or international agreement which is registered or filed and recorded, in the original language or languages, followed by a translation in English and in French. The certified statements referred to in article 2 of these regulations shall be published in the same manner.

“2. The Secretariat will, however, have the option not to publish *in extenso* a bilateral treaty or international agreement belonging to one of the following categories:

“(a) Assistance and co-operation agreements of limited scope concerning financial, commercial, administrative or technical matters;

“(b) Agreements relating to the organization of conferences, seminars or meetings;

“(c) Agreements that are to be published otherwise than in the series mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article by the United Nations Secretariat or by a specialized or related agency.

“3. In deciding whether or not to publish *in extenso* a treaty or international agreement belonging to one of the categories mentioned in paragraph 2 of this article, the Secretariat shall duly take into account, *inter alia*, the practical value that might accrue from *in extenso* publication. Treaties and international agreements that the Secretariat intends not to publish *in extenso* shall be identified as such in the monthly statements of treaties and international agreements provided for in article 13 of these regulations, it being understood that a decision not to publish *in extenso* may be reversed at any time.

“4. Any State or intergovernmental organization may obtain from the Secretary-General a copy of the

<sup>22</sup> A/33/258.

<sup>23</sup> Adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 97 (I). For the text of the regulations as modified by resolutions 364 B (IV) and 482 (V), see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 76, p. XVIII.

text of any treaty or international agreement which it has been decided, pursuant to paragraph 2 of this article, not to publish *in extenso*. The Secretariat shall likewise make a copy of any such treaty or agreement available to private persons against payment.

“5. In respect of each treaty or international agreement registered or filed and recorded, the series referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall include at least the following information: the registration or recording number, the names of the parties, the title, the date and place of conclusion, the date and method of entry into force, the duration (where appropriate), the languages of conclusion, the name of the State or organization that has registered it or transmitted it for filing and recording, and, if appropriate, references to publications in which the complete text of the treaty or international agreement is reproduced.”

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## B

*The General Assembly,*

*Persuaded* that the new publication procedure it has introduced by amending its regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations<sup>24</sup> should make it possible to rectify the current situation in the matter of the registration and publication of treaties and other international agreements,

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to implement this procedure as soon as possible;

2. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to initiate measures, starting in 1979, to eliminate the backlog in registration and publication within the existing budgetary appropriations, taking into account paragraphs 21 and 22 of his report<sup>25</sup> and the savings that will result from the implementation of the new publication procedure;

3. *Takes note* of the consultations initiated with certain international organizations in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/144 of 16 December 1977;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue these consultations;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution and to submit to that session, if he deems it opportune, additional proposals concerning the updating of the regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations in the light of the evolution of practice and the results of computerization;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled “Registration and publication of treaties and international agreements pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations”.

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<sup>25</sup> A/33/258.