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UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-second session of the General Assembly pursuant to its resolution 3502 (XXX) of 15 December 1975.
2. At its 5th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1977, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. At the 52nd meeting, on 22 November, the Legal Counsel introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/32/326).
4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 53rd and 62nd meetings, on 23 November and 5 December. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.6/32/SR.53 and 62) contain the views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of this item.

II. PROPOSAL

5. At the 62nd meeting, on 5 December, the representative of Ghana introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/32/L.11 and Corr.1) sponsored by Bangladesh, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Jamaica, Mali, Qatar, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, and the United Republic of Tanzania, later joined by Algeria, Austria, the Ivory Coast, the Niger, Norway, Sierra Leone and the Sudan.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/32/L.11 and Corr.1 by consensus (see para. 7 below).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study,
Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law 1/ and the recommendations made to the Secretary-General by the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, which are contained in that report,

Considering that international law should occupy an appropriate place in the teaching of legal disciplines at all universities,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by States at the bilateral level to provide assistance in the teaching and study of international law,

Convinced, nevertheless, that States, international organizations and institutions should be encouraged to give further support to the Programme and to increase their activities to promote the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, in particular those activities which are of special benefit to persons from developing countries,

Recalling that, in the conduct of the Programme, it is desirable to use as far as possible the resources and facilities made available by Member States, international organizations and others,

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to carry out in 1978 and 1979 the activities specified in his report, including the provision of:

(a) A minimum of fifteen fellowships in 1978 and 1979, at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) Assistance in the form of a travel grant for one participant from each developing country who will be invited to the regional courses to be organized in 1978 and 1979;

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to be financed from provisions in the regular budget and also voluntary financial contributions which would be received as a result of the requests set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 below;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his constructive efforts to promote training and assistance in international law within the framework of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law in 1976 and 1977;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, in particular for the efforts made to support the teaching of international law;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional meetings and in the conduct of the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the Institute;

5. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments of the Bahamas, Bangladesh and Qatar for providing host facilities for the regional training and refresher courses held in 1976 and 1977;

6. Urges all Governments to encourage the inclusion of courses on international law in the programmes of legal studies offered at institutions of higher learning;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to publicize the Programme and to invite periodically Member States, universities, philanthropic foundations and other interested national and international institutions and organizations, as well as individuals, to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme or otherwise assisting in its implementation and possible expansion;

8. Reiterates its request to Member States and to interested organizations and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme and expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1978 and 1979 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in subsequent years;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law".