

2045 (XX). Reports of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions,²

Recalling resolution 1902 (XVIII) of 18 November 1963 by which the General Assembly recommended that the International Law Commission should continue its work of codification and progressive development of the law of treaties and its work on State responsibility, succession of States and Governments, special missions and relations between States and inter-governmental organizations,

Emphasizing the need for further codification and progressive development of international law with a view to making it a more effective means of implementing the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting that the work of codification of the topics of the law of treaties and of special missions has reached an advanced stage,

Noting with approval that the International Law Commission has proposed to hold a four-week series of meetings in January 1966 and has asked to reserve the possibility of a two-week extension of its summer session in 1966, in order to enable it to complete its draft articles on the law of treaties and on special missions before the end of the term of office of its present members,

Noting with appreciation that the European Office of the United Nations organized in May 1965, during the seventeenth session of the International Law Commission, a Seminar on International Law for advanced students and young government officials responsible in their respective countries for dealing with questions of international law,

Noting that the Seminar was well organized and functioned to the satisfaction of all,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the International Law Commission for the work it has accomplished;

3. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission should:

(a) Continue the work of codification and progressive development of the law of treaties and of special missions, taking into account the views expressed at the twentieth session of the General Assembly and the comments which may be submitted by Governments, with the object of presenting final drafts on those topics in the report on the work of its eighteenth session, to be held in 1966;

(b) Continue, when possible, its work on State responsibility, succession of States and Governments and relations between States and inter-governmental organizations, taking into account the views and considerations referred to in General Assembly resolution 1902 (XVIII);

4. *Expresses the wish* that, in conjunction with future sessions of the International Law Commission,

other seminars be organized which should ensure the participation of a reasonable number of nationals from the developing countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To forward to the International Law Commission the records of the discussions at the twentieth session of the General Assembly on the reports of the Commission;

(b) To transmit to Governments at least one month before the opening of the twenty-first session of the General Assembly the final drafts prepared by the International Law Commission up to that time, and in particular the draft articles on the law of treaties.

*1391st plenary meeting,
8 December 1965.*

2046 (XX). Amendments to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly consequent upon the entry into force of the amendments to Articles 23, 27 and 61 of the Charter of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly,

Noting that the amendments to Article 27 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 1991 A (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, came into force on 31 August 1965.

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with rule 140 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the terms of office of the non-permanent members of the Security Council elected during the twentieth session, including all the additional members, will begin on 1 January 1966,

Decides, with effect from 1 January 1966, to amend rule 8 (b) of its rules of procedure by replacing the word "seven" by the word "nine".

*1391st plenary meeting,
8 December 1965.*

B

The General Assembly,

Noting that the amendments to Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 1991 A (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, came into force on 31 August 1965,

Bearing in mind that in the election of non-permanent members of the Security Council at the twentieth session of the General Assembly effect must be given to the increase in the membership of the Council and to the transitional provisions regarding terms of office provided in Article 23 of the Charter as amended, and that rule 143 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, as amended by the present resolution, will apply for the first time at the election to be held at the twenty-first session.

Decides, with effect from 1 January 1966, to amend rule 143 of its rules of procedure by replacing the word "three" by the word "five".

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8 December 1965.*

C

The General Assembly,

Noting that the amendments to Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations, adopted by the General

²*Ibid.*, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/5809); *ibid.*, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/6009).

Assembly in its resolution 1991 B (XVIII) of 17 December 1963, came into force on 31 August 1965,

Bearing in mind that in the election of members of the Economic and Social Council at the twentieth session of the General Assembly effect must be given to the increase in the membership of the Council and to the transitional provisions regarding terms of office provided in Article 61 of the Charter as amended, and that rule 146 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, as amended by the present resolution, will apply for the first time at the election to be held at the twenty-first session,

Decides, with effect from 1 January 1966, to amend rule 146 of its rules of procedure by replacing the word "six" by the word "nine".

*1391st plenary meeting,
8 December 1965.*

2099 (XX). Technical assistance to promote the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1816 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and 1968 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on Technical Assistance to Promote the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law,³

Having also considered the relevant paragraphs of the report of the Technical Assistance Committee⁴ and of the report of the Economic and Social Council,⁵ the reports of the Secretary-General,⁶ the communication by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,⁷ as well as the replies received from Governments of Member States and from interested international organizations and institutions,⁸

Recognizing the need for the strengthening of the role of international law in international relations,

Having noted the valuable work which is being undertaken by some institutions and other bodies in the promotion of the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law,

Considering nevertheless that much remains to be done in this field,

Noting that a large number of Member States have expressed the view that a programme of assistance and exchange should be established and administered by the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the United Nations and of assisting Member States, in particular developing countries, in the training of specialists in the field of international law and in the promotion of

the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law,

Bearing in mind the limited financial means available for this purpose and the desirability of avoiding any duplication of programmes established and carried out by States and by other international and national organizations,

Considering that even a limited programme will contribute towards meeting some of the most pressing needs for a better knowledge of international law as a means of strengthening international peace and security and of promoting friendly relations and co-operation among States,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Special Committee on Technical Assistance to Promote the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law and to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the work accomplished in the preparation of the programme of assistance and exchange in the field of international law;

2. *Decides* to establish a programme of assistance and exchange in the field of international law consisting of:

(a) Steps to encourage and co-ordinate existing international law programmes carried out by States and by organizations and institutions, such as those proposed by the Special Committee in part I, section A, of its report to the General Assembly;

(b) Forms of direct assistance and exchange, such as seminars, training and refresher courses, fellowships, advisory services of experts, the provision of legal publications and libraries, and translations of major legal works;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to initiate the preparatory work for this programme in 1966 within the total level of appropriations approved for that year;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publicize the above-mentioned programme and invites Member States, interested national and international institutions and organizations, and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of this programme or otherwise towards assisting in its implementation and possible expansion, in accordance with the report of the Special Committee;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into consideration the voluntary contributions which may have been received in terms of paragraph 4 above and in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to make in the budget estimates for 1967 and 1968 such provisions as may be necessary to carry out the activities specified in the annex to the present resolution;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to participate in the implementation of the programme established in paragraph 2 above and requests the Secretary-General to reach agreement with the Director-General of that organization, subject to any necessary approval by the competent authorities of the two organizations, as to which parts of the programme are to be financed and administered by each organization;

7. *Requests* the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to consider the ways in which international law is to be given its proper place among the activities of the Institute in the light of the report of the Special Committee and of the views expressed on the subject in the Sixth Committee;

³ *Ibid.*, *Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 89, document A/5887.

⁴ A/5791. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 19, document E/3933, paras. 54-60.

⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/5803)*, para. 346.

⁶ *Ibid.*, *Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 72, document A/5585; *ibid.*, *Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 89, document A/5790.

⁷ *Ibid.*, *Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 89, document A/C.6/L.565.

⁸ *Ibid.*, *Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 72, documents A/5455 and Add.1-6; *ibid.*, *Twentieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 89, documents A/5744 and Add.1-4.