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RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON
SUCCESSION OF STATES IN RESPECT OF TREATIES

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

Subsequent to the circulation of his request for the inclusion in the provisional agenda of the item entitled "Recommendation adopted by the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties" (A/32/141), the Secretary-General has received from the Acting Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations a communication dated 30 June 1977, the substance of which reads as follows:

"It will be recalled that on 24 November 1976 the General Assembly adopted resolution 31/18, accepting the invitation of the Government of Austria to hold the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties in Vienna, capital of Austria. Accordingly, when towards the end of its session the Conference discussed the issue of how to conclude its work and unanimously agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that it should decide to reconvene the Conference for a final session in 1978, it was only natural for the representative of Austria to remind the Conference that as a matter of course the original invitation of the Government of Austria, accepted by the General Assembly in resolution 31/18, extended to a resumed session as well (A/CONF.80/SR.7, p. 4). In the preamble of its recommendation the Conference took note of the relevant statement of the representative of Austria and consequently, in operative paragraph 3 of the same recommendation, expressed the view that preferably the resumed (final) session should be convened in Vienna (A/32/141, annex, para. 5).

"In view of this, the Acting Permanent Representative of Austria wishes to state again that the Government of Austria sincerely hopes that the General Assembly will decide to reconvene the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties in Vienna, as recommended by the Conference itself. In reiterating the Austrian invitation, reference is also made to Austria's long standing tradition of hosting United Nations codification conferences, a tradition which was established as early as 1961. Holding the resumed session of the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties in the capital of Austria would be in line not only with the just mentioned tradition of the Austrian Government; it would also be consistent with the policy the United Nations has followed in the matter so far."
