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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE  
ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Report of the Sixth Committee

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1. The item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 8 of Assembly resolution 32/45 of 8 December 1977.
2. On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly decided at its 4th plenary meeting, on 22 September 1978, to include the item in its agenda and, at its 5th plenary meeting, held on the same date, to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. In connexion with this item, the Sixth Committee had before it the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, 1/ as well as a report of the Secretary-General (A/33/65) containing observations and proposals received from a Government in response to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 32/45. It also had before it a letter from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of a Member State to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/33/206 and Corr.1 (French only)) transmitting documents of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 25 to 30 July 1978.
4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 20th to 26th, 28th to 30th, 33rd, 56th and 60th meetings, between 13 October and 30 November. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.6/33/SR.20-26, 28-30, 33, 56 and 60) contain the views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of the item.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/33/33).

5. At the 55th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of the Philippines introduced a draft resolution on the item (A/C.6/33/L.8) sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, the Ivory Coast, Japan, Madagascar, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, the Sudan, Suriname, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zaire, which were later joined by Chad, Chile, India, Jordan, Mauritania, Nigeria, Rwanda and Swaziland.

6. The Sixth Committee had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.6/33/L.10) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

7. At its 60th meeting, on 30 November, the Sixth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/33/L.8 by consensus (see para. 8 below). Statements in this connexion were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Israel, the United Republic of Cameroon, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Netherlands, Trinidad and Tobago and Sierra Leone.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

#### Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its support for the purposes and principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions 992 (X) of 21 November 1955, 2285 (XXII) of 5 December 1957, 2552 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2697 (XXV) of 11 December 1970, 2968 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972 and 3349 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974,

Recalling also its resolutions 2925 (XXVII) of 27 November 1972, 3073 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973 and 3282 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 on the strengthening of the role of the United Nations,

Recalling especially its resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it established the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, and its resolutions 31/28 of 29 November 1976 and 32/45 of 8 December 1977,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee, 1/

Noting that progress has been made in fulfilling the mandate of the Special Committee,

Noting the importance that pre-session consultations among the members of the Special Committee and other interested States may have in facilitating the fulfilment of its task,

Considering that the Special Committee has not yet completed the mandate given to it,

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization;
2. Decides that the Special Committee should continue its work in pursuance of the following tasks with which it is entrusted:
  - (a) To list the proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee and to identify those which have awakened special interest;
  - (b) To examine proposals which have been made or will be made in the Committee with a view to according priority to the consideration of those areas on which general agreement is possible;
3. Requests the Special Committee at its next session:
  - (a) To complete the listing and examination of proposals made by Member States on the question of peaceful settlement of disputes;
  - (b) To continue its work on the proposals made by Member States regarding the question of the maintenance of international peace and security with a view to listing and examining those proposals;
  - (c) To consider proposals made by Member States on the question of rationalization of existing procedures of the United Nations and, subsequently, any proposals under other topics;
4. Requests the Special Committee to be mindful of the importance of reaching general agreement whenever it has significance for the outcome of its work;
5. Urges members of the Special Committee to participate fully in its work in fulfilment of the mandate entrusted to it;
6. Invites Governments to submit or to bring up to date, if they deem it necessary, their observations and proposals in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3499 (XXX);
7. Requests the Secretary-General to render all assistance to the Special Committee, including the preparation of summary records of all its meetings;

8. Requests the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".

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