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DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF
HOSTAGES: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFTING OF
AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES

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Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern
Ireland, United States of America and Venezuela: draft
resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/103 of 15 December 1976,

Having considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an
International Convention against the Taking of Hostages (A/32/39),

Considering that the Ad Hoc Committee has been unable to complete the mandate
given to it within the allocated time,

Mindful of the need to conclude, under the auspices of the United Nations, an
international convention against the taking of hostages, taking into account the
urgency of formulating effective measures to put an end to the taking of hostages,

Bearing in mind the recommendation by the Ad Hoc Committee that it should
continue its work in 1978,

1. Takes note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Drafting of an
International Convention against the Taking of Hostages (A/32/39);

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2. Decides that the Ad Hoc Committee, as constituted, should continue, in accordance with paragraph 3 of resolution 31/103 of 15 December 1976 to draft at the earliest possible date an international convention against the taking of hostages and, in the fulfilment of its mandate, to consider suggestions and proposals from any State, bearing in mind the views expressed during the debate on this item at the thirty-second session of the General Assembly;

3. Invites Governments to submit, or to bring up to date, suggestions and proposals for consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to render all assistance to the Ad Hoc Committee, including the preparation of summary records of its meetings;

5. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to submit its report and to make every effort to submit a draft convention against the taking of hostages to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the thirty-third session the item entitled "Drafting of an international convention against the taking of hostages".
