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PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF SMALL STATES

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Protection and security of small States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its commitment to international peace and security,

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/

Conscious that small States may be particularly vulnerable to external threats and acts of interference in their internal affairs and may have special needs consonant with the right to sovereignty and territorial integrity that they share with all nations,

Concerned at the danger which mercenaries can represent to small States,

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1/ General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

Recollecting with deep concern the various incidents in which groups of mercenaries have attempted to infringe upon the sovereignty and territorial integrity of small States, including the attempted invasion of Maldives in November 1988,

1. Recognizes that small States may be particularly vulnerable to external threats and acts of interference in their internal affairs;
2. Stresses in this regard the significance of the obligation that all States respect the principle of territorial integrity and the other principles of the Charter of the United Nations;
3. Appeals to relevant regional and international organizations to provide assistance, when requested by small States for the strengthening of their security, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter;
4. Urges the Secretary-General to pay special attention to monitoring the security situation of small States and to consider making use of Article 99 of the Charter;
5. Invites the Secretary-General to explore the ways and means, within the United Nations and in accordance with the Charter, of preserving the security of small States;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to hold consultations with the members of the Security Council and interested Governments and submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;
7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Protection and security of small States".

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