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PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES AND NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW RELATING TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Angola, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Chile,
Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea,
Ethiopia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mali, Mexico,
Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Romania,
Rwanda, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zambia; draft resolution

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,
the General Assembly is called upon to initiate studies and make recommendations
for the purpose of encouraging the progressive development of international law and
its codification,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974,
containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a
New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the
Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975
on development and international economic co-operation and 35/56 of
5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy
for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling also its resolutions 34/150 of 17 December 1979 and 35/166 of
15 December 1980, entitled "Consolidation and progressive development of the
principles and norms of international economic law relating in particular to the

legal aspects of the new international economic order", and its resolutions 36/107 of 10 December 1981, 37/103 of 16 December 1982, 38/128 of 19 December 1983, 39/75 of 13 December 1984, 40/67 of 11 December 1985, 41/73 of 3 December 1986, 42/149 of 7 December 1987 and 43/162 of 9 December 1988, entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order",

Bearing in mind the urgent need to adopt measures to reactivate the process of international economic co-operation and the negotiations undertaken for that purpose, particularly in view of the economic difficulties encountered by the developing countries,

Considering the close link between the establishment of a just and equitable international economic order and the existence of an appropriate legal framework,

Recognizing the need for the codification and progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order,

Recalling the analytical study 1/ submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

1. Notes with appreciation the views and comments submitted by Governments pursuant to resolutions 40/67, 41/73, 42/149 and 43/162; 2/

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to seek proposals of Member States concerning the most appropriate procedures to be adopted with regard to the consideration of the analytical study, as well as the codification and progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order;

(b) To include the proposals received in accordance with subparagraph (a) above in a report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

3. Recommends that the Sixth Committee should consider making a final decision at the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly on the question of the appropriate forum within its framework which would undertake the task of completing the elaboration of the process of codification and progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order, taking into account the proposals and suggestions which have been or will be submitted by Member States on the matter;

1/ A/39/504/Add.1, annex III.

2/ A/41/536, A/42/483 and Add.1 and 2, A/43/529 and Add.1 and A/44/455 and Add.1.

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order".
