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Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
on the work of its twenty-second session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, by which it created the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law with a mandate to further the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade and in that respect to bear in mind the interests of all peoples, in particular those of developing countries, in the extensive development of international trade, as well as its resolution 4 /166 of 9 December 1988,

Reaffirming its conviction that the progressive harmonization and unification of international trade law, in reducing or removing legal obstacles to the flow of international trade, especially those affecting the developing countries, would significantly contribute to universal economic co-operation among all States on a basis of equality, equity and common interest and to the elimination of discrimination in international trade and, thereby, to the well-being of all peoples.

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Having considered the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-second session, 1/

Noting that the Commission adopted the draft Convention on the Liability of Operators of Transport Terminals in International Trade and recommended that the General Assembly should convene an international conference of plenipotentiaries for a duration of three weeks in 1991 to conclude, on the basis of the draft Convention approved by the Commission, a Convention on the Liability of Operators of Transport Terminals in International Trade,

Recognizing the need for the Commission to have adequate sources of funding for its programme of training and assistance in international trade law,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-second session;
2. Reaffirms the mandate of the Commission, as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of international trade law, to co-ordinate legal activities in this field in order to avoid duplication of effort and to promote efficiency, consistency and coherence in the unification and harmonization of international trade law and, in this connection, recommends that the Commission, through its secretariat, should continue to maintain close co-operation with the other international organs and organizations, including regional organizations, active in the field of international trade law;
3. Calls upon the Commission to continue to take account of the relevant provisions of the resolutions concerning the new international economic order, as adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth 2/ and seventh 3/ special sessions;
4. Expresses its appreciation to the Commission for the valuable work done in preparing a draft Convention on the Liability of Operators of Transport Terminals in International Trade;
5. Decides that an international conference of plenipotentiaries shall be convened at Vienna from 8 to 26 April 1991 to consider the draft Convention prepared by the Commission and to embody the results of its work in an international convention;

6. Requests the Secretary-General:

- (a) To invite all States to participate in the Conference;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/44/17).

2/ Resolution 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

3/ Resolution 3362 (S-VII).

(b) To invite representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in the capacity of observers to participate in the Conference in that capacity in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 31/152 of 20 December 1976;

(c) To invite representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity to participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) To invite the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations and interested international organizations, to be represented at the Conference by observers;

7. Reaffirms the importance, in particular for developing countries, of the work of the Commission concerned with training and assistance in the field of international trade law and the desirability for it to sponsor seminars and symposia, in particular those organized on a regional basis, to promote such training and assistance, and, in this connection:

(a) Expresses its appreciation to the Commission for organizing the symposium on international law held in conjunction with the twenty-second session of the Commission and to the Governments whose contributions enabled the seminar to take place;

(b) Invites Governments, the relevant United Nations organs, organizations, institutions and individuals to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Symposia, where appropriate, to the financing of special projects, and otherwise to assist the secretariat of the Commission in financing and organizing seminars and symposia, in particular in developing countries, and for the award of fellowships to candidates from developing countries to enable them to participate in such seminars and symposia;

8. Repeats its invitation to those States which have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the conventions elaborated under the auspices of the Commission;

9. Approves the initiative of the Commission to have prepared an official Arabic language version of the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods, of 14 June 1974, as amended by the Protocol of 11 April 1980.
