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#### 44/28. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law<sup>2</sup> and the recommendations made by the Secretary-General and adopted by the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, which are contained in that report,<sup>3</sup>

*Considering* that international law should occupy an appropriate place in the teaching of legal disciplines at all universities,

*Bearing in mind* the objectives of the United Nations Decade of International Law,<sup>4</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts made by States at the bilateral level to provide assistance in the teaching and study of international law,

*Convinced*, nevertheless, that States and international organizations and institutions should be encouraged to give further support to the Programme and to increase their activities to promote the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, in particular those activities which are of special benefit to persons from developing countries,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions 2464 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 2550 (XXIV) of 12 December 1969, 2838 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971, 3106 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, 3502 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 32/146 of 16 December 1977, 36/108 of 10 December 1981 and 38/129 of 19 December 1983, in which it stated

<sup>2</sup> A/44/712.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. III.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution 44/23, para. 2.

that in the conduct of the Programme it was desirable to use as far as possible the resources and facilities made available by Member States, international organizations and others, as well as its resolutions 34/144 of 17 December 1979, 40/66 of 11 December 1985 and 42/148 of 7 December 1987, in which it also expressed the hope that, in appointing lecturers for the seminars to be held within the framework of the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, account would be taken of the need to secure representation of major legal systems and balance among various geographical regions,

*Noting* that the publication of the *United Nations Juridical Yearbook* in languages other than French and English contributes to the wider dissemination, study and teaching of international law,

*Recalling* the provisions of Article 39 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

*Taking into account* the circumstances surrounding the recommendations made by the Joint Inspection Unit to publish in languages other than French and English the judgments of the International Court of Justice and, in particular, the difficulties to which the Court has drawn attention,<sup>5</sup>

1. *Approves* the recommendations of the Secretary-General contained in section III of his report on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, in particular those designed to achieve the best possible results in the administration of the Programme within a policy of maximum financial restraint;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to carry out in 1990 and 1991 the activities specified in his report, including the provision of:

(a) A minimum of fifteen fellowships each in 1990 and 1991, at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) A minimum of one scholarship each in 1990 and 1991 under the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, subject to the availability of new voluntary contributions made specifically to the fellowship fund;

(c) Assistance in the form of a travel grant for one participant from each developing country who will be invited to the regional courses to be organized in 1990 and 1991;

and to finance the above activities from provisions in the regular budget, when appropriate, as well as from voluntary financial contributions earmarked for each of the activities concerned, which would be received as a result of the requests set out in paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of the present resolution;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his constructive efforts to promote training and assistance in international law within the framework of the Programme in 1988 and 1989, in particular for the organization of the twenty-fourth<sup>6</sup> and twenty-fifth<sup>7</sup> sessions of the International Law Seminar, held at Geneva from 6 to 24 June 1988 and 12 to 30 June 1989, respectively, and for

the participation of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat and its Codification Division in the conduct of the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as well as for the activities related to the award of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea.

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly for its efforts in the organization of regional courses and in the administration and organization of the fellowship programme in international law jointly sponsored and conducted by the United Nations and the Institute;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, in particular for the efforts it has made to support the teaching of international law;

6. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Brazil for its willingness to co-sponsor the regional training and refresher course for Latin American and Caribbean countries, held at Brasilia from 21 November to 1 December 1988, and for acting as host to the course;

7. *Further expresses its appreciation* to the Hague Academy of International Law for the valuable contributions it has made to the Programme by enabling international law fellows under the sponsorship of the United Nations and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to attend its annual international law courses and by providing facilities for seminars organized under the fellowship programme in international law in conjunction with the Academy courses, and for its constructive efforts in organizing the regional training and refresher courses held at Dakar in 1988 and at Bogotá in 1989;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the contributions made by the Hague Academy of International Law to the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, and calls upon Member States and interested organizations to give favourable consideration to the appeal of the Academy for a continuation of, and, if possible, an increase in their financial contributions in order to enable the Academy to carry on with the above-mentioned activities

9. *Urges* all Governments to encourage the inclusion of courses on international law in the programmes of legal studies offered at institutions of higher learning;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to publicize the Programme and periodically to invite Member States, universities, philanthropic foundations and other interested national and international institutions and organizations, as well as individuals, to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme or otherwise to assist in its implementation and possible expansion;

11. *Reiterates its request* to Member States and to interested organizations and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme, in particular for the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, for the International Law Seminar and for the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, and expresses its appreciation to those Member States, institutions and individuals that have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

12. *Urges* in particular all Governments to make voluntary contributions with a view to covering the

<sup>5</sup> See A/41/591 and Add.1 and A/C.5/44/13.

<sup>6</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/43/10)*, chap. VIII, sect. E.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, *Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/44/10)*, chap. IX, sect. E.

amount needed for the financing of the daily subsistence allowance for up to twenty-five participants in each regional course organized by the United Nations' Institute for Training and Research, thus alleviating the burden on prospective host countries and making it possible for the Institute to continue to organize the regional courses;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1990 and 1991 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in subsequent years;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to study alternative means of making the publications of the International Court of Justice available in all the other official languages in addition to French and English within existing appropriations in a way which meets the concerns expressed by the Court and to present the result of his considerations to the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law".

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**44/29. Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes:**

- (a) **Report of the Secretary-General;**
- (b) **Convening, under the auspices of the United Nations, of an international conference to define terrorism and to differentiate it from the struggle of peoples for national liberation**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3034 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 31/102 of 15 December 1976, 32/147 of 16 December 1977, 34/145 of 17 December 1979, 36/109 of 10 December 1981, 38/130 of 19 December 1983, 40/61 of 9 December 1985 and 42/159 of 7 December 1987,

*Recalling also* the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on International Terrorism contained in its report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session,<sup>8</sup>

*Recalling further* the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,<sup>9</sup> the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security,<sup>10</sup> the Definition of Aggression<sup>11</sup> and relevant instruments on international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflict,

*Recalling moreover* the existing international conventions relating to various aspects of the problem of interna-

tional terrorism, *inter alia*, the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963,<sup>12</sup> the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft, signed at The Hague on 16 December 1970,<sup>13</sup> the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, concluded at Montreal on 23 September 1971,<sup>14</sup> the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, adopted in New York on 14 December 1973,<sup>15</sup> the International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, adopted in New York on 17 December 1979,<sup>16</sup> the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, adopted at Vienna on 3 March 1980, the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, signed at Montreal on 24 February 1988,<sup>17</sup> the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, done at Rome on 10 March 1988,<sup>18</sup> and the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf, done at Rome on 10 March 1988,<sup>19</sup>

*Convinced* that a policy of firmness and effective measures should be taken in accordance with international law in order that all acts, methods and practices of international terrorism may be brought to an end,

*Noting* the ongoing work within the International Civil Aviation Organization regarding research as to the detection of plastic or sheet explosives and the devising of an international régime for the marking of such explosives for the purposes of detection, and taking note of Security Council resolution 635 (1989) of 14 June 1989 relating thereto,

*Taking note* of Security Council resolution 638 (1989) of 31 July 1989 on the taking of hostages,

*Deeply disturbed* by the world-wide persistence of acts of international terrorism in all its forms, including those in which States are directly or indirectly involved, which endanger or take innocent lives, have a deleterious effect on international relations and may jeopardize the territorial integrity and security of States,

*Calling attention* to the growing connection between terrorist groups and drug traffickers,

*Convinced* of the importance of the observance by States of their obligations under the relevant international conventions to ensure that appropriate law-enforcement measures are taken in connection with the offences addressed in those conventions,

*Convinced also* of the importance of expanding and improving international co-operation among States, on a bilateral, regional and multilateral basis, which will contribute to the elimination of acts of international terrorism and their underlying causes and to the prevention and elimination of this criminal scourge,

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/34/37), chap. IV.

<sup>9</sup> Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

<sup>10</sup> Resolution 2734 (XXV).

<sup>11</sup> Resolution 3314 (XXIX), annex.

<sup>12</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 704, No. 10106.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 860, No. 12325.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 974, No. 14118.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1035, No. 15410.

<sup>16</sup> Resolution 44/146, annex.

<sup>17</sup> International Civil Aviation Organization, document DOC 9518.

<sup>18</sup> International Maritime Organization, document SUA/CONF/15/Rev.1.

<sup>19</sup> International Maritime Organization, document SUA/CONF/16/Rev.2.