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DECLARATION AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS  
CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF TREATIES

Letter dated 8 October 1969 from the Secretary-General to  
the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties, which completed its work on 22 May 1969. The Conference adopted, inter alia, a resolution requesting the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of the principal organs of the United Nations a Declaration on the prohibition of military, political or economic coercion in the conclusion of treaties. The texts of the resolution and the Declaration are annexed.

Pursuant to the provisions of the resolution, I would be grateful if you would bring the resolution and the Declaration to the attention of the members of the General Assembly.

(Signed) U THANT

ANNEX

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE DECLARATION ON THE  
PROHIBITION OF MILITARY, POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC  
COERCION IN THE CONCLUSION OF TREATIES

The United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties,

Having adopted the Declaration on the prohibition of military, political or economic coercion in the conclusion of treaties as part of the Final Act of the Conference,

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to bring the Declaration to the attention of all Member States and other States participating in the Conference, and of the principal organs of the United Nations;
2. Requests Member States to give the Declaration the widest possible publicity and dissemination.

DECLARATION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY, POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC  
COERCION IN THE CONCLUSION OF TREATIES

The United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties,

Upholding the principle that every treaty in force is binding upon the parties to it and must be performed by them in good faith,

Reaffirming the principle of the sovereign equality of States,

Convinced that States must have complete freedom in performing any act relating to the conclusion of a treaty,

Deploring the fact that in the past States have sometimes been forced to conclude treaties under pressure exerted in various forms by other States,

Desiring to ensure that in the future no such pressure will be exerted in any form by any State in connexion with the conclusion of a treaty,

1. Solemnly condemns the threat or use of pressure in any form, whether military, political, or economic, by any State in order to coerce another State to perform any act relating to the conclusion of a treaty in violation of the principles of the sovereign equality of States and freedom of consent;
2. Decides that the present Declaration shall form part of the Final Act of the Conference on the Law of Treaties.