



## Seventeenth session

## QUESTION OF THE PUBLICATION OF A UNITED NATIONS JURIDICAL YEARBOOK

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Under resolution 1506 (XV) of 12 December 1960, the General Assembly decided to place the question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook on the provisional agenda of its seventeenth session.
2. The same resolution invited Member States to submit to the Secretary-General written comments or observations on the form and contents of the proposed yearbook.
3. These observations have been published in documents A/5169 and Add.1. Any observations received since the publication of these documents will be reproduced in addenda.
4. The question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook has in the past been the subject of various Assembly resolutions. Thus, under resolution 1291 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the question of the publication of a United Nations juridical yearbook, covering in addition the technical and financial implications of such a publication.
5. The report of the Secretary-General,<sup>1/</sup> submitted to the fourteenth session of the General Assembly, was considered by the Sixth Committee at its 639th to 643rd meetings held between 23 and 30 November 1959.

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 57, document A/4151.

6. On the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,<sup>2/</sup> the General Assembly decided, in resolution 1451 (XIV) of 7 December 1959, "that a United Nations juridical yearbook which would include documentary materials of a legal character relating to the United Nations should be published". This resolution further requested the Secretary-General, as a first step, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session containing a detailed outline of such a yearbook.

7. Pursuant to this resolution, the Secretary-General submitted a report<sup>3/</sup> on the nature and contents of the yearbook's outline. Annexed was an outline of the yearbook drawn up on the basis of United Nations documentary materials of a legal character published in 1959.

8. The report was considered by the Sixth Committee at its 673rd to 681st meetings held between 22 November and 5 December 1960. The Sixth Committee approved a draft resolution<sup>4/</sup> which later became resolution 1506 (XV).

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<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., document A/4312.

<sup>3/</sup> Ibid., Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 66, document A/4406.

<sup>4/</sup> Ibid., document A/4619, para. 30.