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REPRESENTATION OF STATES IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Report of the Sixth Committee

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 2123rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1973, the General Assembly included the item entitled "International conference of plenipotentiaries on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations" (item 91) in the agenda of its twenty-eighth session and allocated it to the Sixth Committee.
2. The Sixth Committee considered this item at its 1425th, 1426th, 1430th and 1438th meetings, held on 29 and 30 October, 6 and 14 November 1973, respectively.
3. The item had been included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-eighth session in accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 2966 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972, which was also entitled "International conference of plenipotentiaries on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations". That decision was taken with a view to the consideration by the General Assembly, at its present session, of the question of participation in the conference, the date and place of the conference and other related matters.
4. The General Assembly, in paragraph 3 of resolution 2966 (XXVII), had requested the Secretary-General to submit a memorandum on the methods of work of the conference so that the Assembly, at its twenty-eighth session, could consider the matter with a view to reducing the costs of the conference. Pursuant to that decision, the Secretary-General submitted a memorandum (A/9167), in which he reviewed the methods of work of the relevant previous codification conferences, suggested the methods of work which the conference could follow in order to reduce its costs, dealt with several aspects of the rules of procedure of the conference and examined the question of the costs of codification conferences.

## II. PROPOSAL

5. At the 1430th meeting, on 6 November 1973, the representative of Mexico introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/L.941) sponsored by Algeria, Egypt, India, Ireland, Mexico, Turkey, Uruguay and Yugoslavia, later joined by Australia and Yemen. The text of the draft resolution was identical to that of the one recommended by the Sixth Committee for adoption by the General Assembly (see paragraph 11 below).
6. The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.6/L.942) in accordance with rule 155 of the rules of procedure concerning the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution. The estimates of costs were prepared on the assumption, inter alia, that the conference would be held during the period from 12 February to 15 April 1975, that it would establish a committee of the whole and a drafting committee, that it would hold up to four meetings a day and that summary records would be provided for two meetings per day.

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### III. DEBATE

7. The representative of Austria confirmed statements made by his delegation at the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly extending the invitation of the Government of Austria to hold at Vienna the conference on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations. This invitation was generally acknowledged with gratification.

8. With respect to the date of the conference, different views were expressed on whether it should be held in 1974, 1975 or not earlier than 1976. In connexion with the compromise arrived at by consensus, namely, that the conference should be held at Vienna early in 1975, the representative of Austria drew attention to the fact that, according to the statement by the Secretariat (see paragraph 6 above) the dates fixed for the conference were 12 February to 15 April 1975.

9. With regard to the question of participation in the conference, it was generally agreed that the final decision would be deferred until the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly. It was nevertheless considered that the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested intergovernmental organizations should be invited to send observers to the conference.

### IV. VOTING

10. At its 1438th meeting, on 14 November 1973, the Sixth Committee adopted unanimously the draft resolution (A/C.6/L.941).

### V. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

11. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in their Relations with International Organizations

#### The General Assembly,

Recalling that, by its resolution 2966 (XXVII) of 14 December 1972, it decided that an international conference of plenipotentiaries should be convened as soon as practicable to consider the draft articles on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations, adopted by the International Law Commission at its twenty-third session, 1/ and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate,

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/8410/Rev.1), chap. II, sect. D.

Recalling further that, in its resolution 2780 (XXVI) of 3 December 1971, it expressed its appreciation to the International Law Commission for its valuable work on the question of representation of States in their relations with international organizations and to the Special Rapporteur on the topic for his contribution to this work,

Having considered the memorandum on the methods of work of the conference 2/ submitted by the Secretary-General in pursuance of resolution 2966 (XXVII),

Noting that an invitation has been extended by the Government of Austria to hold at Vienna the conference on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations,

1. Decides that the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in their Relations with International Organizations, referred to in General Assembly resolution 2966 (XXVII), will be held early in 1975 at Vienna;
2. Invites the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other interested intergovernmental organizations to send observers to the Conference;
3. Refers to the Conference as the basic proposal for its consideration the draft articles on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations adopted by the International Law Commission at its twenty-third session;
4. Invites the States and intergovernmental organizations which have not already done so to submit to the Secretary-General not later than 1 September 1974, for circulation to participants in the Conference, their comments and observations on the draft articles on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations, adopted by the International Law Commission at its twenty-third session;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to arrange for the presence at the Conference, as an expert, of the International Law Commission's Special Rapporteur on the topic of relations between States and international organizations;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to present to the Conference all relevant documentation and recommendations relating to its methods of work and procedures and to arrange for the necessary staff, facilities and services which it will require, including the provision of summary records;
7. Decides to determine at its twenty-ninth session the question of participation in the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in their Relations with International Organizations, to be held in 1975, and to include in the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled "Participation in the United Nations Conference on the Representation of States in their Relations with International Organizations, to be held in 1975".