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UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1676th plenary meeting, on 27 September 1968, the General Assembly included the item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General" in the agenda of its twenty-third session and allocated the item to the Sixth Committee.
2. The item was included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-third session in pursuance of paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2313 (XXII) of 14 December 1968. By that resolution, the General Assembly, inter alia, authorized the Secretary-General to carry out in 1968 the activities specified in his report^{1/} on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965 establishing a United Nations Programme of Assistance in the field of international law; requested him to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session on the implementation of the Programme during 1968; and asked him to submit, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1969.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 90, document A/6816.

3. The draft report of the Secretary-General, giving an account of the steps taken or planned by the United Nations, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and by the United Nations Institute of Training and Research in furtherance of the objectives of the Programme, was considered by the Advisory Committee at its third session, held between 7 and 14 October 1968. The Advisory Committee adopted a number of recommendations in which the Secretary-General concurred. The Secretary-General's report (A/7305), having been revised to take account of the proceedings of the Advisory Committee, was issued on 15 November 1968 and placed before the Sixth Committee. The Sixth Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General on the appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee (A/C.6/391) and an addendum to the register of experts and scholars in international law (A/7293) prepared by the Secretariat.

4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 1097th and 1098th meetings, held on 14 December and 17 December 1968 respectively.

II. PROPOSAL

5. At the 1097th meeting, on 14 December 1968, the representative of the Secretary-General introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/7305) and drew the attention of the Sixth Committee to paragraphs 91 through 94 of the report in which the financial implications of the Programme for 1969 were recorded. He also noted that the Government of Cyprus had paid a voluntary contribution in the amount of \$237 and the Government of Jordan had paid a voluntary contribution in the amount of \$1,200.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Ghana introduced a draft resolution, which was eventually sponsored by Afghanistan, Cyprus, Ecuador, Ghana, Hungary, India, Pakistan, Panama, the Philippines and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/C.6/L.739 and Add.1 and 2).

III. VOTING

7. At the 1098th meeting, on 17 December 1968, the Sixth Committee adopted unanimously the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/L.739 and Add.1 and 2 (see paragraph 9 below). The representative of Israel explained his delegation's vote.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

8. At the 1098th meeting, on 17 December 1968, the Sixth Committee agreed without objection to the Chairman's suggestion that the following Member States would be proposed to the General Assembly for its confirmation as the members of the Advisory Committee for the period 1 January 1969 to 31 December 1971: Belgium, Ecuador, France, Ghana, Hungary, Iraq, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America (see paragraph 10 below).

V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2204 (XXI) of 16 December 1966 and 2313 (XXII) of 14 December 1967 regarding the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme^{2/} and the recommendations made to the Secretary-General 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,

Considering that, in the conduct of the Programme, it is desirable to use as far as possible the resources and facilities made available by the international organizations concerned, Member States and others,

Considering that, in the organization and conduct of regional seminars and training courses, due regard should be paid to reflecting United Nations efforts towards the codification and progressive development of international law and, in so far as appropriate, the legal thinking of the principal legal systems of the world,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for their increasing participation in the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, particularly in the organization of regional seminars and training courses, in the preparation of studies in international law and in the conduct of fellowship programmes;

2. Notes with satisfaction that the Secretary-General intends to continue his efforts to encourage and co-ordinate the activities of States and international organizations concerned in furtherance of the objectives of the Programme;

3. Expresses the hope that the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research will jointly be able to hold a regional training course in Asia during 1969;

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to carry out in 1969 the activities specified in his report, and in particular the provision of:

(a) Fifteen fellowships at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) The advisory services of experts, if requested by developing countries, within the framework of existing technical assistance programmes or from such voluntary contributions as may be received for that purpose;

(c) A set of United Nations legal publications to up to fifteen institutions in developing countries and current United Nations legal publications to the institutions which have previously received a set of United Nations legal publications in 1967 and 1968 under the present Programme;

5. Reiterates its request to Member States, interested bodies and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme and expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

6. Approves in principle, subject to further consideration by the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law before the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General's recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme after 1969;

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7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1969 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1970;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fourth session an item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law".

10. The Sixth Committee also recommends that the General Assembly should confirm the appointment of the following Member States as the members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law for the period 1 January 1969 to 31 December 1971: Belgium, Ecuador, France, Ghana, Hungary, Iraq, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America.
