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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENHANCING THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-USE OF
FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Report of the Sixth Committee

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1. The item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 6 of Assembly resolution 33/96 of 16 December 1978.
2. On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly decided at its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. In connexion with this item, the Sixth Committee had before it the report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations 1/ as well as the report of the Secretary-General containing observations received from the Governments of Cuba and Qatar (A/34/410).
4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 16th to 25th meetings, between 12 and 23 October 1979. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.6/34/SR.16-25) contain the views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of this item.
5. At the 23rd meeting, on 22 October, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/34/L.3) sponsored by Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Ethiopia,

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/34/41 and Corr.1).

the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Iraq, Laos, Madagascar, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Poland, Romania, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Viet Nam, later joined by the Congo and Morocco.

6. The Committee had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.6/34/L.4) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution.

7. At its 23rd meeting, on 22 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/34/L.3 by a recorded vote of 91 to 14, with 11 abstentions (see para. 10 below). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Bolivia, China, Ireland, New Zealand, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Uruguay.

8. The representatives of the Ivory Coast, the Congo and Guinea stated that, had they been present, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

9. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Morocco, the United States of America, New Zealand, Canada, Israel, France and Australia. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Argentina, Uruguay, Belgium, Japan, Greece, Chile, Brazil, Peru, China, Austria, Honduras and Pakistan.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

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

Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the
Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of
Force in International Relations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/9 of 8 November 1976, in which it invited Member States to examine further the draft World Treaty on the Non-Use of Force in International Relations 2/ submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as well as other proposals made during the consideration of this item,

Recalling also its resolution 32/150 of 19 December 1977, whereby it established the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations,

Recalling in particular its resolution 33/96 of 16 December 1978, in which it decided that the Special Committee should continue its work,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee, 3/

Taking into account that the Special Committee has not completed the mandate entrusted to it,

Reaffirming the need for universal and effective application of the principle of the non-use of force in international relations and for assistance by the United Nations in this endeavour,

Expressing the hope that the drafting of a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations will be completed as soon as possible,

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations;

2. Decides that the Special Committee shall continue its work with the goal of drafting, at the earliest possible date, a world treaty on the non-use of force in international relations as well as the peaceful settlement of disputes or such other recommendations as the Committee deems appropriate;

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/33/41 and Corr.1), annex.

3/ Ibid., Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 41 (A/34/41 and Corr.1).

3. Invites the Governments which have not yet done so to communicate their comments or suggestions or to bring them up to date, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/9;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the necessary facilities and services, including the preparation of summary records of its meetings;
5. Invites the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;
6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Principle of Non-Use of Force in International Relations".
