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UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE
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APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Report of the Sixth Committee

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1. The item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly pursuant to its resolution 32/146 of 16 December 1977.
2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. At the 56th meeting of the Sixth Committee, on 30 November 1979, the Legal Counsel introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/34/693). The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.6/34/4 and Corr.1) containing information relating to the 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.
4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 56th to 59th meetings, between 30 November and 4 December. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.6/34/SR.56-59) contain the views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of this item.
5. At the 57th meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Ghana introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/34/L.18) sponsored by Austria, Barbados, Cyprus, Denmark, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, the Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Mali, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, the Philippines, Sierra Leone and Turkey, later joined by Afghanistan. The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced an

amendment to that draft resolution (A/C.6/34/L.19), to which the United States of America introduced a subamendment (A/C.6/34/L.22).

6. At the 59th meeting, on 4 December, the United States of America withdrew its subamendment. The Committee adopted the amendment by the United Republic of Tanzania by 101 votes to 1, with 13 abstentions. The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.6/34/L.18, as amended, by consensus (see para. 8).

7. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote on the amendment and the subamendment were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, the Upper Volta, France, Mexico, the Ivory Coast and India. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representatives of France and the Netherlands.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

8. 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,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law 1/ 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 incorporated in that report,

Considering that international law should occupy an appropriate place in the teaching of legal disciplines at all universities,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by States at the bilateral level to provide assistance in the teaching and study of international law,

Convinced, nevertheless, that States, international organizations and institutions should be encouraged to give further support to the Programme and to increase their activities to promote the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, in particular those activities which are of special benefit to persons from developing countries,

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

1/ A/34/693.

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to carry out in 1980 and 1981 the activities specified in section III of his report, including the provision of:

(a) A minimum of 15 fellowships each in 1980 and 1981, at the request of Governments of developing countries,

(b) Assistance in the form of a travel grant for one participant from each developing country who will be invited to the regional courses to be organized in 1980 and 1981, and to finance the above activities from provisions in the regular budget and also voluntary financial contributions which would be received as a result of the requests set out in paragraphs 9 and 10 below;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his constructive efforts to promote training and assistance in international law within the framework of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law in 1978 and 1979;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, in particular for the efforts made to support the teaching of international law;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional courses and in the conduct of the fellowship programme in international law sponsored jointly by the United Nations and the Institute, and expresses the hope that, in appointing lecturers for its seminars for international law fellows and the regional courses, the Institute will take into account the need to secure representation of major legal systems and balance among various geographical regions;

5. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Mexico and the Centre for Economic and Social Studies of the Third World at Mexico City for providing host facilities for the regional training and refresher course held in 1979;

6. Expresses its appreciation to The Hague Academy of International Law for its valuable contributions to the Programme by enabling international law fellows under the sponsorship of the United Nations and the United Nations Institute for Research and Training to attend its annual international law courses, providing facilities for seminars organized by the Institute in conjunction with the Academy courses, and co-operating with the Institute in organizing and financing the regional training and refresher course at Mexico City in 1979;

7. Notes with appreciation the contributions made by The Hague Academy of International Law to the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law and calls upon Member States and interested organizations to give favourable consideration to the appeal of the Academy for adequate assistance in order to solve its financial problems, preferably in such a way as to enable it to plan programmes extending over more than one year;

8. Urges all Governments to encourage the inclusion of courses on international law in the programmes of legal studies offered at institutions of higher learning;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to publicize the Programme and to invite periodically Member States, universities, philanthropic foundations and other interested national and international institutions and organizations, as well as individuals, to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme or otherwise assisting in its implementation and possible expansion;

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

11. Decides to appoint the following 13 Member States as members of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, for a period of four years beginning on 1 January 1980: Barbados, Cyprus, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Ghana, Hungary, Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

12. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1980 and 1981 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in subsequent years;

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