

2. The conciliation commission shall make its recommendations within five months after its appointment. If its recommendations are not accepted by the parties to the dispute within two months after they have been delivered, either party may bring the dispute before the Court by a written application.

ARTICLE IV

The present Protocol shall be open for signature by all States which may become Parties to the Convention, until 31 December 1970 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

ARTICLE V

The present Protocol is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

ARTICLE VI

The present Protocol shall remain open for accession by all States which may become Parties to the Convention. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

ARTICLE VII

1. The present Protocol shall enter into force on the same day as the Convention or on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification or of accession to the Protocol with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, whichever day is later.

2. For each State ratifying or acceding to the present Protocol after its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article, the Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

ARTICLE VIII

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States which may become Parties to the Convention:

(a) Of signatures to the present Protocol and of the deposit of instruments of ratification or accession in accordance with articles IV, V and VI;

(b) Of the date on which the present Protocol will enter into force in accordance with article VII.

ARTICLE IX

The original of the present Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified copies thereof to all States referred to in article IV.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Protocol, opened for signature at New York on 16 December 1969.

2531 (XXIV). Settlement of civil claims in connexion with the Convention on Special Missions

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Convention on Special Missions, adopted by the General Assembly on 8 December 1969,¹⁰ provides for immunity from the jurisdiction of the receiving State of members of a special mission of the sending State,

Recalling that such immunity may be waived by the sending State,

Noting in addition that, as was recalled in the preamble to the Convention, the purpose of immunities is

¹⁰ Resolution 2530 (XXIV), annex.

not to benefit individuals but to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of special missions,

Mindful of the deep concern expressed during the deliberations of the General Assembly that claims of immunity might, in certain cases, deprive persons in the receiving State of the benefit of a judicial settlement,

Recommends that the sending State should waive the immunity of members of its special mission in respect of civil claims of persons in the receiving State when it can do so without impeding the performance of the functions of the special mission, and that, when immunity is not waived, the sending State should use its best endeavours to bring about a just settlement of the claims.

*1825th plenary meeting,
8 December 1969.*

2532 (XXIV). Tribute to the International Law Commission in connexion with the adoption of the Convention on Special Missions

The General Assembly,

Having adopted the Convention on Special Missions¹⁰ on the basis of the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission,¹¹

Expresses its deep gratitude to the International Law Commission for its outstanding contribution to the codification and progressive development of the rules of international law on special missions.

*1825th plenary meeting,
8 December 1969.*

2533 (XXIV). Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1815 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, 1966 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, 2103 (XX) of 20 December 1965, 2181 (XXI) of 12 December 1966, 2327 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 and 2463 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, in which it affirmed the importance of the progressive development and codification of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Recalling further that among the fundamental purposes of the United Nations are the maintenance of international peace and security and the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Considering that the faithful observance of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations is of paramount importance for the maintenance of international peace and security and the improvement of the international situation,

Considering further that the progressive development and codification of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States, so as to secure their more effective application,

¹¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 9 (A/6709/Rev.1 and Corr.1), chapter II, section D.*

would promote the realization of the purposes of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind its resolution 2131 (XX) of 21 December 1965,

Convinced of the significance of continuing the effort to achieve general agreement on the statements of the seven principles of international law set forth in General Assembly resolution 1815 (XVII), but without prejudice to the applicability of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, with a view to the adoption of a declaration which would constitute a landmark in the progressive development and codification of those principles,

Recalling that, in its resolution 2499 A (XXIV) of 31 October 1969 concerning the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, it invited the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States to expedite its work with a view to facilitating the adoption of an appropriate document by the General Assembly during the commemorative session,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee,¹² which met in New York from 18 August to 19 September 1969,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Special Committee for the valuable work it has performed and the progress reflected in the statements of the two principles it discussed;

3. *Decides* to ask the Special Committee, as reconstituted by the General Assembly in resolution 2103 (XX), to meet in the first half of 1970 at Geneva or at any other suitable place for which the Secretary-General receives an invitation, in order to continue and complete its work;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee, in the light of the debate which took place in the Sixth Committee during the present and previous sessions of the General Assembly and at the 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969 sessions of the Special Committee, to endeavour to resolve, in the light of Assembly resolution 2327 (XXII), the remaining questions relating to the formulation of the seven principles, in order to complete its work, and to submit to the Assembly at its twenty-fifth session a comprehensive report containing a draft Declaration on all of the seven principles;

5. *Calls upon* the members of the Special Committee to devote their utmost efforts to ensuring the success of the Committee's session, in particular by undertaking, in the period preceding the session, such consultations and other preparatory measures as they may deem necessary;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to co-operate with the Special Committee in its task and to provide all the services, documentation and other facilities necessary for its work;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fifth session an item entitled "Consideration of principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations".

*1825th plenary meeting,
8 December 1969.*

¹² *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/7619).

2534 (XXIV). Resolution relating to article 66 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and the annex thereto

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties,¹³ adopted on 22 May 1969 by the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties, and in particular paragraph 7 of the annex thereto,

Taking note of the resolution¹⁴ relating to article 66 of the Convention and the annex thereto, adopted on 23 May 1969 by the United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties,

Considering that, under the terms of paragraph 7 of the annex to the Convention, the expenses of any conciliation commission that may be set up under article 66 of the Convention shall be borne by the United Nations,

Noting the arrangements suggested in the note by the Secretary-General¹⁵ on the administrative and financial implications of the conciliation procedure provided for in the Convention,

1. *Approves* the provisions of paragraph 7 of the annex to the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take action accordingly.

*1825th plenary meeting,
8 December 1969.*

2549 (XXIV). Report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression on the work of its session held in New York from 24 February to 3 April 1969,¹⁶

Taking note of the progress made by the Special Committee in its consideration of the question of defining aggression and on the draft definition, as reflected in the report of the Special Committee,

Considering that it was not possible for the Special Committee to complete its task, in particular its consideration of the proposals concerning a draft definition of aggression submitted to the Special Committee during its sessions held in 1968 and 1969,

Considering that in its resolutions 2330 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 and 2420 (XXIII) of 18 December 1968 the General Assembly recognized the widespread conviction of the need to expedite the definition of aggression,

Considering the urgency of defining aggression and the desirability of achieving this objective, if possible, by the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* that the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression shall resume its work, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2330 (XXII), at Geneva in the second half of 1970;

¹³ A/CONF.39/27 and Corr.1.

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 94 (a) and (c), document A/7592, para. 12.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, document A/C.6/397.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/7620).