

# Extracts of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, containing requests addressed to States, international organizations and the Secretary- General

Seventy-first session, 2016-17 (including requests  
adopted at prior sessions)

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*Explanatory note:*

The following informal compilation reproduces operative paragraphs from General Assembly resolutions adopted at the seventy-first [2016] and prior sessions, in which action to be undertaken in 2017 and in subsequent years, by States, international organizations, the Secretariat or subsidiary bodies, such as the International Law Commission, is anticipated. Where necessary, the compilation also includes extracts of operative paragraphs to be read together with those paragraphs calling for action.

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### Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts (agenda item 74)

Res. [71/133](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Acknowledges* that a growing number of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies refer to the articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts;<sup>3</sup>

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Governments to submit further written comments on any future action regarding the articles;

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([LA/COD/26](#), of  
16 January 2017)

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a technical report listing, in a tabular format, the references to the articles contained in the compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies referring to the articles prepared since 2001, as well as references to the articles made in submissions presented by Member States before international courts, tribunals and other bodies since 2001, and further requests the Secretary-General to submit such material during its seventy-first session;

5. *Acknowledges* the possibility of requesting, at its seventy-fourth session [2019], the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly with information on all procedural options regarding possible action on the basis of the articles, without prejudice to the question of whether such possible action is appropriate;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to update the compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies referring to the articles and to invite Governments to submit information on their practice in this regard, and also requests the Secretary-General to submit such material well in advance of its seventy-fourth session [2019];

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16 January 2017)

7. *Acknowledges* the constructive dialogue in the context of the working group of the Sixth Committee during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, and encourages all Member States to continue the substantive dialogue on an informal basis during the period prior to the seventy-fourth session [2019] of the Assembly;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session [2019] the item entitled "Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts" and to further examine, within the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee and with a view to taking a decision, the question of a convention on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts or other appropriate action on the basis of the articles.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution [56/83](#), annex.

### Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission (agenda item 75)

Res. [71/134](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

3. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Secretary-General to refer

credible allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse to the Member State of the United Nations officials or experts on mission for appropriate action;

4. *Also welcomes* the appointment of the Special Coordinator on Improving the United Nations Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, and requests the Secretary-General to regularly update the Member States on progress with respect to the implementation of the mandate of the Special Coordinator;

5. *Expresses its concern* with respect to all alleged crimes on the part of United Nations officials and experts on mission, including allegations of fraud, corruption and other financial crimes, and in that regard welcomes the reaffirmation by the Secretary-General that there will be no tolerance for any corruption at the United Nations;

6. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that his zero-tolerance policy for criminal activities, such as sexual exploitation and abuse, fraud and corruption, is made known to all United Nations officials and experts on mission at all levels, especially those in managerial positions, and is fully implemented in a coherent and coordinated manner throughout the United Nations, including funds and programmes, and calls upon all entities in the United Nations to inform and to cooperate fully with the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat in all cases involving allegations that a crime may have been committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission;

8. *Strongly urges* States to take all appropriate measures to ensure that crimes by United Nations officials and experts on mission do not go unpunished and that the perpetrators of such crimes are brought to justice, without prejudice to the privileges and immunities of such persons and the United Nations under international law, and in accordance with international human rights standards, including due process;

9. *Strongly urges* all States to consider establishing, to the extent that they have not yet done so, jurisdiction over crimes, particularly those of a serious nature, as known in their existing national criminal laws, committed by their nationals while serving as United Nations officials or experts on mission, at least where the conduct as defined in the law of the State establishing jurisdiction also constitutes a crime under the laws of the host State, and, further, urges States and appropriate international organizations to provide technical and other appropriate assistance in developing such legal measures to States requesting such support;

[\(LA/COD/50/1](#), of 16 January 2017)

10. *Encourages* all States and the United Nations to cooperate with each other in the exchange of information and in facilitating the conduct of investigations and, as appropriate, the prosecution of United Nations officials and experts on mission who are alleged to have committed crimes of a serious nature, in accordance with their national law and applicable United Nations rules and regulations, fully respecting due process rights, as well as to consider strengthening the capacities of their national authorities to investigate and prosecute such crimes;

[\(LA/COD/50/1](#), of 16 January 2017)

11. *Encourages* all States:

[\(LA/COD/50/1](#), of 16 January 2017)

(a) To afford each other assistance in connection with criminal investigations or criminal or extradition proceedings in respect

of crimes of a serious nature committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission, including assistance in obtaining evidence at their disposal, in accordance with their national law or any treaties or other arrangements on extradition and mutual legal assistance that may exist between them;

(b) In accordance with their national law, to explore ways and means of facilitating the possible use of information and material obtained from the United Nations for purposes of criminal proceedings initiated in their territory for the prosecution of crimes of a serious nature committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission, bearing in mind due process considerations;

(c) In accordance with their national law, to provide effective protection for victims of, witnesses to and others who provide information in relation to crimes of a serious nature alleged to have been committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission and to facilitate access of victims to victim assistance programmes, without prejudice to the rights of the alleged offender, including those relating to due process;

(d) In accordance with their national law, to explore ways and means of responding adequately to requests by host States for support and assistance in order to enhance their capacity to conduct effective investigations in respect of crimes of a serious nature alleged to have been committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission;

12. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to ensure that requests to Member States seeking personnel to serve as experts on mission make States aware of the expectation that persons who serve in that capacity should meet high standards in their conduct and behaviour and be aware that certain conduct may amount to a crime for which they may be held accountable, and also requests that the Secretariat take all appropriate measures to continue to ensure that all such personnel, as well as United Nations officials, are properly vetted by the States contributing personnel and by the Organization for any prior misconduct while serving with the United Nations;

([LA/COD/50/1](#), of 16 January 2017)

13. *Urges* the Secretary-General to make Member States contributing personnel to serve as experts on mission aware of the necessity of providing appropriate conduct-related training prior to deployment, and also urges the Secretary-General to continue to take such practical measures as are within his authority to strengthen existing training on United Nations standards of conduct, including through predeployment and in-mission induction training for United Nations officials and experts on mission;

14. *Reiterates* its decision that, bearing in mind its resolutions [62/63](#) and [63/119](#), the consideration of the report of the Group of Legal Experts,<sup>9</sup> in particular its legal aspects, taking into account the views of Member States and also noting the inputs by the Secretariat, shall be continued during its seventy-third session in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee, and, for that purpose, invites further comments from Member States on that report, including on the question of future action;

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([LA/COD/50/1](#), of 16 January 2017)

15. *Takes note* of the briefings by the Secretariat during the seventieth and seventy-first sessions, and decides to organize another briefing at the seventy-second session with a view to furthering

discussion on measures that could be taken to help ensure the accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission and prevent future crimes;

16. *Recognizes* the efforts of Member States towards devising concrete proposals to ensure the accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission, and encourages all Member States to redouble their efforts informally during the intersessional period, with the support of the Secretariat, in particular through the organization of informal briefings;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring credible allegations that reveal that a crime may have been committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission to the attention of the States against whose nationals such allegations are made and to request from those States updates, as set out in paragraph 19 below, on the status of their efforts to investigate and, as appropriate, prosecute crimes of a serious nature, as well as the types of appropriate assistance that States may wish to receive from the Secretariat for the purposes of such investigations and prosecutions;

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16 January 2017)

18. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to seek, from all States that have notified the United Nations with respect to investigations or prosecutions of crimes allegedly committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission, updates on the status of their investigations or prosecutions, provided that this would not prejudice national investigations or national proceedings;

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16 January 2017)

19. *Urges* the States referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above to provide to the Secretary-General periodic updates on their handling of the allegations, in particular informing the Secretary-General of whether any disciplinary or criminal proceedings have been brought and of the outcome of any such proceedings or the reasons for not initiating them, provided that this would not be contrary to national laws or prejudice national investigations or national proceedings, and requests the Secretary-General to continue and undertake the necessary follow-up with the States concerned, with a view to encouraging those States to respond;

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20. *Requests* the United Nations, when its investigations into allegations suggest that crimes of a serious nature may have been committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission, to consider any appropriate measures that may facilitate the possible use of information and material for purposes of criminal proceedings initiated by States, bearing in mind due process considerations;

21. *Encourages* the United Nations, when allegations against United Nations officials or experts on mission are determined by a United Nations administrative investigation to be unfounded, to take appropriate measures, in the interests of the Organization, to restore the credibility and the reputation of such officials and experts on mission;

22. *Urges* the United Nations to continue cooperating with States exercising jurisdiction in order to provide them, within the framework of the relevant rules of international law and agreements governing activities of the United Nations, with information and material for purposes of criminal proceedings initiated by States;

23. *Underlines* the importance of a culture in which individuals are

encouraged and supported by the Organization to report alleged crimes, emphasizes that the United Nations, in accordance with the applicable rules of the Organization, should take no action that would retaliate against or intimidate United Nations officials and experts on mission who report allegations concerning crimes of a serious nature committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission, and stresses the need for appropriate safeguards against retaliation;

24. *Takes note with appreciation* of the information provided by Governments in response to its resolutions [62/63](#), [63/119](#), [64/110](#), [65/20](#), [66/93](#), [67/88](#), [68/105](#), [69/114](#), and [70/114](#), and urges Governments to continue taking the measures necessary for the implementation of those resolutions, including their provisions addressing the establishment of jurisdiction over crimes, particularly those of a serious nature, as known in their existing national criminal laws, committed by their nationals while serving as United Nations officials or experts on mission, as well as cooperation among States, and to provide specific details thereon, in particular with respect to paragraph 9 above, in the information provided to the Secretary-General;

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16 January 2017)

25. *Recalls its request* in resolution [70/114](#) for Governments to provide specific details on the measures taken, as necessary, for the implementation of its resolutions [62/63](#), [63/119](#), [64/110](#), [65/20](#), [66/93](#), [67/88](#), [68/105](#) and [69/114](#), and notes that, in response to those resolutions, 108 submissions were received from 58 Member States between 6 December 2007 and 20 July 2016;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and keep updated a report containing a compilation and a summary table of national provisions, based on information received from Member States since 2007, regarding the establishment of jurisdiction over their nationals whenever they serve as United Nations officials or experts on mission, in relation to crimes as known in their existing national criminal laws, particularly those of a serious nature, and in this regard takes note of the questionnaire distributed by the Secretariat to all Member States to assist in this process;

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27. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report setting out all relevant existing United Nations policies and procedures of the United Nations system regarding the allegations referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

28. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session [2017] on the implementation of the present resolution, in particular with respect to paragraphs 9, 11, 12, 14, 17 and 19 above, as well as any practical problems in its implementation, on the basis of information received from Governments and the Secretariat;

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16 January 2017)

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to improve reporting methods and expand the scope of reporting, by providing information on the allegations referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above as well as information received pursuant to paragraph 19 since 1 July 2007, limited to the United Nations entity involved, the year of referral, the dates of follow-up requests from the Secretary-General, information about the type of crime and summary of allegations, status of investigations, prosecutorial and disciplinary actions taken, including with respect to individuals concerned who have left the duty mission or the service of the United Nations, any requests for waivers of immunity, as applicable,

and information on jurisdictional, evidentiary or other obstacles to prosecution, while protecting the privacy of the victims as well as respecting the privacy and rights of those subject to the allegations;

30. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled “Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission”.

<sup>9</sup> [A/60/980](#).

## Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-ninth session (agenda item 76)

Res. [71/135](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

2. *Commends* the Commission for the finalization and adoption of the Model Law on Secured Transactions,<sup>2</sup> the 2016 Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings<sup>3</sup> and the Technical Notes on Online Dispute Resolution;<sup>4</sup>

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Commission has instructed its secretariat to commence preparations for a Congress to commemorate the Commission’s fiftieth anniversary during its fiftieth session, with the objectives to discuss technical issues and to raise awareness of the Commission and its potential to support cross-border commerce;<sup>5</sup>

4. *Also notes with satisfaction* the contributions from the Fund for International Development of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and from the European Union, which allow the operation of the repository of published information under the Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration<sup>6</sup> until the end of 2016 and beyond, and that the Commission reiterated its strong and unanimous opinion that the secretariat of the Commission should continue to operate the transparency repository, which constitutes a central feature both of the Rules on Transparency and of the United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration (Mauritius Convention on Transparency);<sup>7</sup>

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to operate, through the secretariat of the Commission, the repository of published information in accordance with article 8 of the Rules on Transparency, as a pilot project until the end of 2017, to be funded entirely by voluntary contributions, and to keep the General Assembly informed of developments regarding the funding and budgetary situation of the transparency repository based on its pilot operation;

6. *Takes note with interest* of the decisions taken by the Commission as regards its future work and the progress made by the Commission in its work in the areas of dispute settlement,<sup>8</sup> electronic commerce, insolvency law, security interests<sup>9</sup> and international trade law aimed at reducing the legal obstacles faced by micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises throughout their life cycle, and encourages the Commission to continue to move forward efficiently to achieve tangible work outcomes;

7. *Endorses* the efforts and initiatives of the Commission, as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of

international trade law, aimed at increasing coordination of and cooperation on legal activities of international and regional organizations active in the field of international trade law and at promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels in this field, and in this regard appeals to relevant international and regional organizations to coordinate their legal activities with those of the Commission, to avoid duplication of efforts and to promote efficiency, consistency and coherence in the modernization and harmonization of international trade law;

8. *Reaffirms* the importance, in particular for developing countries, of the work of the Commission concerned with technical cooperation and assistance in the field of international trade law reform and development, and in this connection:

(a) Welcomes the initiatives of the Commission towards expanding, through its secretariat, its technical cooperation and assistance programme, and in that respect encourages the Secretary-General to seek partnerships with State and non-State actors to increase awareness about the work of the Commission and facilitate the effective implementation of legal standards resulting from its work;

(b) Expresses its appreciation to the Commission for carrying out technical cooperation and assistance activities and for providing assistance with legislative drafting in the field of international trade law, and draws the attention of the Secretary-General to the limited resources that are made available in this field;

(c) Expresses its appreciation to the Governments whose contributions enabled the technical cooperation and assistance activities to take place, and appeals to Governments, the relevant bodies of the United Nations system, organizations, institutions and individuals to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Trust Fund for Symposia and, where appropriate, for the financing of special projects and otherwise to assist the secretariat of the Commission in carrying out technical cooperation and assistance activities, in particular in developing countries;

(d) Reiterates its appeal to the United Nations Development Programme and other bodies responsible for development assistance, such as the World Bank and regional development banks, as well as to Governments in their bilateral aid programmes, to support the technical cooperation and assistance programme of the Commission and to cooperate with the Commission and coordinate their activities with those of the Commission in the light of the relevance and importance of the work and programmes of the Commission for the promotion of the rule of law at the national and international levels and for the implementation of the international development agenda, including the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;<sup>10</sup>

(e) Recalls its resolutions stressing the need to strengthen support to Member States, upon their request, in the domestic implementation of their respective international obligations through enhanced technical assistance and capacity-building, welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure greater coordination and coherence among United Nations entities and with donors and recipients, notes the endorsement by the Commission of the Guidance Note on Strengthening United Nations Support to States, Upon Their Request, to Implement Sound Commercial Law Reforms,<sup>11</sup> and requests the

Secretary-General to circulate the Guidance Note as broadly as possible to its intended users;

9. *Recalls* the importance of adherence to the rules of procedure and methods of work of the Commission, including transparent and inclusive deliberations, taking into account the summary of conclusions as reproduced in annex III to the report on the work of its forty-third session,<sup>12</sup> requests the Secretariat to issue, prior to meetings of the Commission and of its working groups, a reminder of those rules of procedure and methods of work with a view to ensuring the high quality of the work of the Commission and encouraging the assessment of its instruments, and in this regard recalls its previous resolutions related to this matter;

10. *Welcomes* the activities of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, in the Republic of Korea, towards providing capacity-building and technical assistance services to States in the Asia-Pacific region, including to international and regional organizations, expresses its appreciation to the Republic of Korea and China, whose contributions enabled continuing operation of the Regional Centre, notes that the continuation of the regional presence relies entirely on extrabudgetary resources, including but not limited to voluntary contributions from States, welcomes expressions of interest from other States in hosting regional centres of the Commission, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of developments regarding the establishment of regional centres, in particular their funding and budgetary situation;

11. *Appeals* to Governments, the relevant bodies of the United Nations system, organizations, institutions and individuals to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund established to provide travel assistance to developing countries that are members of the Commission, at their request and in consultation with the Secretary-General, in order to enable renewal of the provision of that assistance and to increase expert representation from developing countries at sessions of the Commission and its working groups, necessary to build local expertise and capacities in those countries to put in place a regulatory and enabling environment for business, trade and investment;

12. *Decides*, in order to ensure full participation of all Member States in the sessions of the Commission and its working groups, to continue, in the competent Main Committee during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, its consideration of granting travel assistance to the least developed countries that are members of the Commission, at their request and in consultation with the Secretary-General;

17. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, in conformity with resolutions of the General Assembly on documentation-related matters,<sup>14</sup> which, in particular, emphasize that any invitation to limit, where appropriate, the length of documents should not adversely affect either the quality of the presentation or the substance of the documents, to bear in mind the particular characteristics of the mandate and functions of the Commission in the progressive development and codification of international trade law when implementing page limits with respect to the documentation of the Commission;<sup>15</sup>

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the publication of Commission standards and the provision of summary records of the meetings of the Commission, including committees of the whole

established by the Commission for the duration of its annual session, relating to the formulation of normative texts, and takes note of the Commission's decision to continue the trial use of digital recordings, in parallel with summary records where applicable, with a view to assessing the experience of using digital recordings and, on the basis of that assessment, taking a decision at a future session regarding the possible replacement of summary records by digital recordings;<sup>16</sup>

19. *Recalls* paragraph 48 of its resolution [66/246](#) of 24 December 2011 regarding the rotation scheme of meetings between Vienna and New York;

20. *Stresses* the importance of promoting the use of texts emanating from the work of the Commission for the global unification and harmonization of international trade law, and to this end urges States that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to conventions, enacting model laws and encouraging the use of other relevant texts;

21. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Secretariat on the system for the collection and dissemination of case law on Commission texts in the six official languages of the United Nations (the CLOUT system), notes the resource-intensive nature of the system, acknowledges the need for further resources to sustain and expand it, and in this regard welcomes efforts by the Secretariat towards building partnerships with interested institutions, and appeals to Governments, the relevant bodies of the United Nations system, organizations, institutions and individuals to assist the secretariat of the Commission in raising awareness as to the availability and usefulness of the CLOUT system in professional, academic and judiciary circles and in securing the funding required for the coordination and expansion of the system and the establishment, within the secretariat of the Commission, of a pillar focused on the promotion of ways and means of interpreting Commission texts in a uniform manner;

22. *Welcomes* the continued work of the Secretariat on digests of case law related to Commission texts, including their wide dissemination, as well as the continuing increase in the number of abstracts available through the CLOUT system, in view of the role of the digests and the CLOUT system as important tools for the promotion of the uniform interpretation of international trade law, in particular by building local capacity of judges, arbitrators and other legal practitioners to interpret those standards in the light of their international character and the need to promote uniformity in their application and the observance of good faith in international trade;

23. *Recalls* its resolutions affirming the importance of high-quality, user-friendly and cost-effective United Nations websites and the need for their multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment,<sup>17</sup> commends the fact that the website of the Commission is published in the six official languages of the United Nations, and welcomes the continuous efforts of the Commission to maintain and improve its website, including by developing new social media features, in accordance with the applicable guidelines.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/71/17)*, chap. III, sect. A.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. IV, sect. A.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. V and annex I.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., paras. 368-370.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., *Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/68/17)*, annex I.

<sup>7</sup> Resolution [69/116](#), annex.

<sup>8</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/71/17)*, chaps. IV and V.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., chap. III.

<sup>10</sup> Resolution [70/1](#).

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/71/17)*, para. 262 and annex II.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid., *Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/65/17)*.

<sup>14</sup> Resolutions [52/214](#), sect. B, [57/283](#) B, sect. III, and [58/250](#), sect. III.

<sup>15</sup> Resolutions [59/39](#), para. 9, and [65/21](#), para. 18; see also *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/59/17)*, paras. 124-128.

<sup>16</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/69/17)*, para. 276.

<sup>17</sup> Resolutions [52/214](#), sect. C, para. 3; [55/222](#), sect. III, para. 12; [56/64](#) B, sect. X; [57/130](#) B, sect. X; [58/101](#) B, sect. V, paras. 61-76; [59/126](#) B, sect. V, paras. 76-95; [60/109](#) B, sect. IV, paras. 66-80; and [61/121](#) B, sect. IV, paras. 65-77.

<sup>18</sup> Resolution [63/120](#), para. 20.

## Model Law on Secured Transactions of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Res. [71/136](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish the Model Law, including electronically, in the six official languages of the United Nations, and to disseminate it broadly to Governments and other interested bodies;

3. *Recommends* that all States give favourable consideration to the Model Law when revising or adopting legislation relevant to secured transactions, and invites States that have used the Model Law to advise the Commission accordingly;

4. *Also recommends* that, where necessary, States continue to give favourable consideration to the *UNCITRAL Guide on the Implementation of a Security Rights Registry* when revising relevant legislation, administrative regulations or guidelines, and to the *UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions* and the *Supplement on Security Rights in Intellectual Property* when revising or adopting legislation relevant to secured transactions, and invites States that have used the guides to advise the Commission accordingly;

5. *Further recommends* that all States continue to consider becoming parties to the United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade,<sup>1</sup> the principles of which are also reflected in the Model Law, and the optional annex to which refers to the registration of notices with regard to assignments.

<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution [56/81](#), annex.

## 2016 Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Res. [71/137](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for preparing and adopting the 2016 Notes on Organizing Arbitral Proceedings;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Recommends* the use of the 2016 Notes, including by parties to arbitration, arbitral tribunals and arbitral institutions, as well as for academic and training purposes with respect to international commercial

dispute settlement;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish the 2016 Notes, including electronically, in the six official languages of the United Nations, and to make all efforts to ensure that the Notes become generally known and available.

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/71/17)*, chap. IV, sect. A.

## **Technical Notes on Online Dispute Resolution of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**

Res. [71/138](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

*Noting with appreciation* that all States and interested international organizations were invited to participate in the preparation of the Technical Notes either as members or as observers from the forty-fourth to the forty-ninth sessions of the Commission, including through circulation of the text of the draft Technical Notes for comment to all States as well as to international organizations invited to attend the meetings of the Commission as observers,

*Noting* that the preparation of the Technical Notes was the subject of due deliberation in the Commission and that the draft text benefited from consultations with Governments and interested intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for preparing and adopting the Technical Notes on Online Dispute Resolution as annexed to the report of the Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session;<sup>4</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish the text of the Technical Notes through all appropriate means, including electronically, in the six official languages of the United Nations, and to disseminate that text broadly to Governments and other interested bodies;

3. *Recommends* that all States and other stakeholders use the Technical Notes in designing and implementing online dispute resolution systems for cross-border commercial transactions;

4. *Requests* all States to support the promotion and use of the Technical Notes.

<sup>4</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/71/17)*.

## **United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (agenda item 77)**

Res. [71/139](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Reiterates its approval* of the guidelines and recommendations contained in section III of the previous report of the Secretary-General,<sup>2</sup> in particular those designed to strengthen and revitalize the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination

and Wider Appreciation of International Law in response to the increasing demand for international law training and dissemination activities;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to carry out the activities specified in his reports<sup>3</sup> in 2017, including the following activities to be financed from provisions in the regular budget:

(a) The International Law Fellowship Programme, with a minimum of 20 fellowships;

(b) The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean, with a minimum of 20 fellowships for each course;

(c) The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law, including its continuation and further development;

(d) The dissemination of legal publications and lectures of the Audiovisual Library to developing countries to the extent that there are sufficient resources;

3. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to further expand the activities referred to in paragraph 2 above, to be financed from voluntary contributions received pursuant to paragraphs 14, 24 and 25 below;

4. *Commends* the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat for the cost-saving measures undertaken with regard to the International Law Fellowship Programme and the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law to increase the number of fellowships for the training courses financed from provisions in the regular budget, taking into account the number of applications for these courses;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to award additional fellowships for the training courses from available resources under the programme budget for the Programme of Assistance and from voluntary contributions received pursuant to paragraph 25 below;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider admitting, for participation in the training courses, self-funded candidates present in the host country or from countries willing to bear the entire cost of their participation;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to award a minimum of one scholarship in 2017 under the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, taking note of paragraph 8 of resolution [69/117](#) of 10 December 2014 and paragraph 4 of resolution [70/116](#) of 14 December 2015;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include resources under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 for the International Law Fellowship Programme, the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean each year and for the continuation and further development of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law;

11. *Recognizes* the importance of the United Nations legal

publications prepared by the Office of Legal Affairs, and once again requests the Secretary-General to issue the publications referred to in his previous report<sup>4</sup> in various formats, including hard copy publications, which are essential for developing countries;

12. *Reiterates its appreciation* for the efforts that were undertaken by the Office of Legal Affairs to bring up to date the United Nations legal publications, in particular the desktop publishing initiative undertaken by the Codification Division from 2003 to 2013, which greatly enhanced the timely issuance of its legal publications and made possible the preparation of legal training materials, as noted in its resolutions [64/113](#) of 16 December 2009, [65/25](#) of 6 December 2010, [66/97](#) of 9 December 2011, [67/91](#) of 14 December 2012, [68/110](#) of 16 December 2013, [69/117](#) and [70/116](#);

13. *Expresses its regret once again* that none of the publications referred to in the report of the Secretary-General have been issued since 2014, when desktop publishing was discontinued owing to lack of resources, notwithstanding its resolutions [68/110](#), [69/117](#) and [70/116](#), and reiterates its recommendation that the necessary resources be made available to resume this successful initiative;

14. *Expresses its appreciation* for the preparation of the International Law Handbook as a valuable resource for international law education on a broad range of core subjects of international law in its training courses and for academic institutions in developing countries to promote international law education in those countries, and requests Member States to provide the voluntary contributions necessary to ensure the completion of this educational resource in English and French, as well as its dissemination in developing countries;

([LA/COD/8/1](#), of  
1 March 2017)

15. *Requests* the Office of Legal Affairs to continue to maintain and expand its websites listed in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General as an invaluable tool for the dissemination of international law materials as well as for advanced legal research;

16. *Requests* that interns and research assistants be enlisted for the preparation of materials for the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law as well as the International Law Handbook;

21. *Once again encourages* the Codification Division to cooperate with the African Institute of International Law, dedicated to offering higher learning and research in international law needed for the development of Africa, in the implementation of the relevant activities under the Programme of Assistance;

23. *Notes with appreciation* the contributions of the Hague Academy 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 a continuation of support and a possible increase in their financial contributions, to enable the Academy to carry out its activities, particularly those relating to the summer courses, regional courses and programmes of the Centre for Studies and Research in International Law and International Relations;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to publicize the Programme of Assistance and periodically to invite Member States, universities, philanthropic foundations and other interested national and

([LA/COD/8/1](#), of  
1 March 2017)

international institutions and organizations, as well as individuals, to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme or otherwise to assist in its implementation and possible expansion;

25. *Reiterates its request* to Member States and interested organizations, institutions and individuals to make voluntary contributions for the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law and for the United Nations Regional Courses in International Law organized by the Codification Division as an important complement to the International Law Fellowship Programme;

([LA/COD/8/1](#), of 1 March 2017)

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session on the implementation of the Programme of Assistance in 2017 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, to submit recommendations regarding the Programme in subsequent years;

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

<sup>2</sup> [A/70/423](#).

<sup>3</sup> [A/70/423](#) and [A/71/432](#).

<sup>4</sup> [A/70/423](#), para. 45.

## Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-eighth session (agenda item 78)

Res. [71/140](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for the work accomplished at its sixty-eighth session, and notes in particular:

(a) The completion of the second reading of the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters with the adoption of an entire set of draft articles on the topic;<sup>3</sup>

(b) The completion of the first reading of the draft conclusions on identification of customary international law with the adoption of an entire set of draft conclusions on the topic;<sup>4</sup>

(c) The completion of the first reading of the draft conclusions on subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties with the adoption of an entire set of draft conclusions on the topic;<sup>5</sup>

3. *Recommends* that the International Law Commission continue its work on the topics in its current programme, taking into account the comments and observations of Governments, whether submitted in writing or expressed orally in debates in the Sixth Committee;

4. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the importance for the International Law Commission of having their views by 31 January 2017 on the various aspects of the topics on the agenda of the Commission, in particular on all the specific issues identified in chapter III of its report,

31 January 2017

regarding:

- (a) Crimes against humanity;
- (b) Protection of the atmosphere;
- (c) Provisional application of treaties;
- (d) *Jus cogens*;
- (e) Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction;

5. *Also draws* the attention of Governments to the importance for the International Law Commission of having their comments and observations by 1 January 2018 on the draft conclusions on the topics “Identification of customary international law” and “Subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties”, adopted on first reading by the Commission at its sixty-eighth session;<sup>6</sup>

1 January 2018  
([LA/COD/62](#), of  
17 January 2017; and  
[LA/COD/65](#), of  
17 January 2017)

6. *Takes note* of paragraphs 306 to 313 of the report of the International Law Commission and notes, in particular, the inclusion of the topics “The settlement of international disputes to which international organizations are parties” and “Succession of States in respect of State responsibility” in the long-term programme of work of the Commission,<sup>7</sup> as well as the recommendation of the Commission that the potential topics identified in the memorandum by the Secretariat concerning “Possible topics for consideration taking into account the review of the list of topics established in 1996 in the light of subsequent developments”<sup>8</sup> be further considered by the Working Group on the Long-term Programme of Work at the sixty-ninth session of the Commission;

7. *Recalls* that the seat of the International Law Commission is at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

8. *Takes note* of the comments of the International Law Commission on the possibility of holding one half session in the next quinquennium in New York, as presented in paragraphs 323 to 326 of its report, and endorses its recommendation that the first part of the seventieth session of the Commission be held in New York, which will coincide with the commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the Commission;

9. *Takes note with appreciation* of the recommendations of the International Law Commission, contained in paragraphs 327 to 332 of its report, that a seventieth anniversary event be held during its seventieth session, in 2018, at meetings in New York and in Geneva, that a report on those meetings be discussed at the annual meeting of the Legal Advisers in New York and that the anniversary event lead to a publication;

10. *Takes note* of paragraph 333 of the report of the International Law Commission, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to identify concrete options for support for the work of special rapporteurs, additional to those provided under General Assembly resolution [56/272](#) of 27 March 2002;

11. *Welcomes* the efforts of the International Law Commission to

improve its methods of work,<sup>9</sup> and encourages the Commission to continue this practice;

12. *Invites* the International Law Commission to continue to take measures to enhance its efficiency and productivity and to consider making proposals to Member States to that end;

13. *Encourages* the International Law Commission to continue to take cost-saving measures at its future sessions, without prejudice to the efficiency and effectiveness of its work;

14. *Takes note* of paragraph 347 of the report of the International Law Commission, and decides that the next session of the Commission shall be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1 May to 2 June and from 3 July to 4 August 2017;

15. *Stresses* the desirability of further enhancing the dialogue between the International Law Commission and the Sixth Committee, and in this context encourages, inter alia, the continued practice of informal consultations in the form of discussions between the members of the Sixth Committee and the members of the Commission throughout the year;

16. *Encourages* delegations, during the debate on the report of the International Law Commission, to continue to adhere as far as possible to the structured work programme agreed to by the Sixth Committee and to consider presenting concise and focused statements;

17. *Encourages* Member States to consider being represented at the level of legal adviser during the first week in which the report of the International Law Commission is discussed in the Sixth Committee (International Law Week) to enable high-level discussions on issues of international law;

18. *Requests* the International Law Commission to continue to pay special attention to indicating in its annual report, for each topic, any specific issues on which expressions of views by Governments, either in the Sixth Committee or in written form, would be of particular interest in providing effective guidance for the Commission in its further work;

19. *Takes note* of paragraphs 348 to 351 of the report of the International Law Commission with regard to cooperation and interaction with other bodies, and encourages the Commission to continue the implementation of articles 16 (e), 25 and 26 of its statute in order to further strengthen cooperation between the Commission and other bodies concerned with international law, having in mind the usefulness of such cooperation;

20. *Notes* that consulting with national organizations and individual experts concerned with international law may assist Governments in considering whether to make comments and observations on drafts submitted by the International Law Commission and in formulating their comments and observations;

21. *Reaffirms* its previous decisions concerning the indispensable role of the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat in providing assistance to the International Law Commission, including in the preparation of memorandums and studies on topics on the agenda of the Commission, and takes note of the requests of the

Commission for the Secretariat to prepare memorandums on the topics “Identification of customary international law” and “Provisional application of treaties” contained in paragraphs 301 and 302 of the report of the Commission;

22. *Also reaffirms* its previous decisions concerning the documentation and summary records of the International Law Commission;<sup>10</sup>

23. *Welcomes* the institutionalization of the practice of the Secretariat to include the provisional summary records in English and French on the website relating to the work of the International Law Commission;

24. *Also welcomes* the efforts of the Secretariat in seeking to ensure timely and efficient processing of the documents of the International Law Commission, and encourages the Secretariat to institutionalize the experimental measures taken during the sixty-eighth session of the Commission to streamline the editing of those documents;

25. *Takes note* of paragraphs 338 to 340 of the report of the International Law Commission, recalls the paramount importance of multilingualism as set forth in General Assembly resolution [69/324](#) of 11 September 2015 on multilingualism, underlines the importance of having the documents of the Commission published in due time in the six official languages of the United Nations, and to this end encourages special rapporteurs to submit their reports within the time limits specified by the Secretariat;

26. *Takes note* of paragraphs 334 and 335 of the report of the International Law Commission, underlines the importance of the publications of the Codification Division to the work of the Commission, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General continue to publish the *Work of the International Law Commission* in all six official languages at the beginning of each quinquennium, the *Reports of International Arbitral Awards* in English or French and the *Summaries of the Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders of the International Court of Justice* in all six official languages every five years;

27. *Stresses* the need to expedite the preparation of the summary records of the International Law Commission, and welcomes the continuation of the measures taken to streamline the processing of summary records during the sixty-fifth session of the Commission,<sup>11</sup> which have led to a more rational use of resources, and expresses its satisfaction that the summary records of the Commission, constituting *travaux préparatoires* in the progressive development and codification of international law, will not be subject to arbitrary length restrictions;

28. *Takes note* of paragraph 342 of the report of the International Law Commission, stresses the unique value of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure its timely publication in all official languages;

29. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the trust fund on the backlog relating to the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, and encourages further contributions to the trust fund;

([LA/COD/52](#), of 16 January 2017)

30. *Takes note* of paragraph 343 of the report of the International

Law Commission, expresses its satisfaction with the remarkable progress achieved in the past few years in reducing the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission* in all six languages, and welcomes the efforts made by the Division of Conference Management of the United Nations Office at Geneva, especially its Editing Section, in effectively implementing relevant resolutions of the General Assembly calling for the reduction of the backlog, encourages that Division to provide continuous necessary support to the Editing Section in advancing the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, and requests that updates on progress made in this respect be provided to the Commission on a regular basis;

31. *Welcomes* the continuous efforts of the Codification Division to maintain and improve the website relating to the work of the International Law Commission;

32. *Expresses the hope* that the International Law Seminar will continue to be held in connection with the sessions of the International Law Commission and that an increasing number of participants representing the principal legal systems of the world, including in particular those from developing countries, will be given the opportunity to attend the Seminar, as well as delegates to the Sixth Committee, and appeals to States to continue to make urgently needed voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Law Seminar;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the International Law Seminar with adequate services, including interpretation, as required, and encourages him to continue to consider ways to improve the structure and content of the Seminar;

34. *Underlines* the importance of the records and topical summary of the debate in the Sixth Committee for the deliberations of the International Law Commission, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to forward to the Commission, for its attention, the records of the debate on the report of the Commission at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, together with such written statements as delegations may circulate in conjunction with their oral statements, and to prepare and distribute a topical summary of the debate, following established practice;

35. *Requests* the Secretariat to circulate to States, as soon as possible after the conclusion of the session of the International Law Commission, chapter II of its report containing a summary of the work of that session, chapter III containing the specific issues on which the views of Governments would be of particular interest to the Commission and the draft articles adopted on either first or second reading by the Commission;

36. *Also requests* the Secretariat to make the complete report of the International Law Commission available as soon as possible after the conclusion of the session of the Commission for the consideration of Member States with due anticipation and no later than the prescribed time limit for reports in the General Assembly;

37. *Encourages* the International Law Commission to continue to consider ways in which specific issues on which the views of Governments would be of particular interest to the Commission could be framed so as to help Governments to have a better appreciation of the

issues on which responses are required;

38. *Recommends* that the debate on the report of the International Law Commission at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly commence on 23 October 2017.

<sup>3</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/71/10)*, chap. IV, sect. E.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. V, sect. C.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. VI, sect. C.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 60 and 73.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 308.

<sup>8</sup> [A/CN.4/679/Add.1](#).

<sup>9</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/66/10)*, paras. 370-388.

<sup>10</sup> See resolutions [32/151](#), para. 10, and [37/111](#), para. 5, and all subsequent resolutions on the annual reports of the International Law Commission to the General Assembly.

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/68/10)*, para. 183.

## Protection of persons in the event of disasters

Res. [71/141](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

2. *Takes note* of the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters, presented by the Commission,<sup>2</sup> and invites Governments to submit comments concerning the recommendation by the Commission to elaborate a convention on the basis of these articles;<sup>3</sup>

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session [2018] an item entitled "Protection of persons in the event of disasters".

<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/71/10)*, para. 48.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, para. 46.

## Diplomatic protection (agenda item 79)

Res. [71/142](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Commends once again* the articles on diplomatic protection<sup>3</sup> to the attention of Governments, and invites them to submit in writing to the Secretary-General any further comments, including comments concerning the recommendation by the International Law Commission to elaborate a convention on the basis of the articles;<sup>1</sup>

1 June 2019  
([LA/COD/38](#), of  
16 January 2017)

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session [2019] the item entitled "Diplomatic protection" and, within the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee, in the light of the written comments of Governments, as well as views expressed in the debates held at the sixty-second, sixty-fifth, sixty-eighth and seventy-first sessions of the General Assembly, to continue to examine the question of a convention on diplomatic protection, or any other appropriate action, on the basis of the above-mentioned articles and to also identify any difference of opinion on the articles.

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/61/10)*, para. 46.

<sup>3</sup> Resolution [62/67](#), annex.

## Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm (agenda item 80)

Res. [71/143](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Commends once again* the articles on prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities, the text of which is annexed to General Assembly resolution [62/68](#), to the attention of Governments, without prejudice to any future action, as recommended by the International Law Commission regarding the articles;

2. *Also commends once again* the principles on the allocation of loss in the case of transboundary harm arising out of hazardous activities, the text of which is annexed to General Assembly resolution [61/36](#), to the attention of Governments, without prejudice to any future action, as recommended by the Commission regarding the principles;

3. *Invites* Governments to submit further comments on any future action, in particular on the form of the respective articles and principles, bearing in mind the recommendations made by the Commission in that regard, including in relation to the elaboration of a convention on the basis of the articles, as well as on any practice in relation to the application of the articles and principles;

([LA/COD/18](#), of 13 January 2017)

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies referring to the articles and the principles;

([LA/COD/18](#), of 13 January 2017)

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session [2019] the item entitled "Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm".

## Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (agenda item 81)

Res. [71/144](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

2. *Calls upon* all States parties to the Geneva Conventions that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the Additional Protocols<sup>3</sup> at the earliest possible date;

3. *Calls upon* all States that are already parties to Protocol I,<sup>4</sup> or those States not parties, on becoming parties to Protocol I, to make the declaration provided for under article 90 of that Protocol and to consider making use, where appropriate, of the services of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission in accordance with the provisions of article 90 of Protocol I;

4. *Calls upon* all States that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and the two Protocols thereto<sup>9</sup> and to other relevant treaties on international humanitarian law relating to the protection of victims of armed conflict;<sup>10</sup>

5. *Calls upon* States to consider becoming parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement

of children in armed conflict;

6. *Calls upon* all States parties to the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions to ensure their wide dissemination and full implementation;

7. *Affirms* the necessity of making the implementation of international humanitarian law more effective, and supports its further strengthening and development;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the 10 resolutions adopted at the Thirty-second International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, held in Geneva from 8 to 10 December 2015, in particular resolutions 1 to 4, recalls their importance, as well as the recommendations for further actions therein, in strengthening international humanitarian law, and notes with appreciation in this regard resolution 2, entitled "Strengthening compliance with international humanitarian law", in which the Conference, inter alia, recommended the continuation of an inclusive, State-driven intergovernmental process based on the principle of consensus and in line with the guiding principles of the consultation process to find agreement on features and functions of a potential forum of States and to find ways to enhance the implementation of international humanitarian law;

9. *Welcomes* the activities of the Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law of the International Committee of the Red Cross in supporting efforts made by Member States to take legislative and administrative action to implement international humanitarian law and in promoting the exchange of information on those efforts between Governments, and reminds Member States of the availability of the manual on domestic implementation of international humanitarian law;

10. *Also welcomes* the increasing number of national commissions or committees for the implementation of international humanitarian law and their work in promoting the incorporation of treaties on international humanitarian law into national law and disseminating the rules of international humanitarian law, and encourages Member States that have not yet done so to consider establishing national commissions or committees with the support of national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies where relevant, to advise and assist Governments in implementing and disseminating knowledge of international humanitarian law;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session [2018] a comprehensive report on the status of the Additional Protocols relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, as well as on measures taken to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law, inter alia, with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at the national level, based on information received from Member States and the International Committee of the Red Cross;

1 June 2018  
([LA/COD/2/1](#), of  
16 January 2017; and  
[LA/COD/2/2](#), of  
11 January 2017)

12. *Encourages* Member States and the International Committee of the Red Cross, in transmitting information to the Secretary-General, to focus on new developments and activities during the reporting period;

13. *Encourages* Member States to explore ways of facilitating the submission of information for future reports of the Secretary-General and, in this context, to consider the convenience of using a questionnaire

as drafted by Member States, with the assistance of the International Committee of the Red Cross and, as appropriate, in consultation with the Secretariat, for submission to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session [2018] the item entitled “Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts”.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1125, Nos. 17512 and 17513, and vol. 2404, No. 43425.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 1125, No. 17512.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 249, No. 3511, and vol. 2253, No. 3511.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2173, No. 27531.

## **Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (agenda item 82)**

Res. [71/145](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

2. *Strongly condemns* all acts of violence against diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, as well as against missions and representatives to international intergovernmental organizations and officials of such organizations, and emphasizes that such acts can never be justified;

3. *Urges* States to strictly observe, implement and enforce, including during a period of armed conflict, all the applicable principles and rules of international law governing diplomatic and consular relations, including those relating to inviolability, and, in particular, to ensure, in conformity with their international obligations, the protection, security and safety of the missions, representatives and officials mentioned in paragraph 2 above officially present in territories under their jurisdiction, including practical measures to prevent and prohibit in their territories illegal activities of persons, groups and organizations that encourage, instigate, organize or engage in the perpetration of acts against the security and safety of such missions, representatives and officials;

4. *Also urges* States to take all appropriate measures at the national and international levels to prevent any acts of violence against the missions, representatives and officials mentioned in paragraph 2 above, including during a period of armed conflict, and to ensure, with the participation of the United Nations where appropriate, that such acts are fully investigated with a view to bringing offenders to justice;

5. *Recommends* that States cooperate closely through, inter alia, contacts between the diplomatic and consular missions and the receiving State with regard to practical measures designed to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, including measures of a preventive nature, and with regard to the timely exchange of information on the circumstances of all serious violations thereof;

6. *Urges* States to take all appropriate measures, in accordance with international law, at the national and international levels, to prevent any abuse of diplomatic or consular privileges and immunities, in particular serious abuses, including those involving acts of violence;

7. *Recommends* that States cooperate closely with the State in whose territory abuses of diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities may have occurred, including by exchanging information and providing assistance to its juridical authorities in order to bring offenders to justice;

8. *Calls upon* States that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the instruments relevant to the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives;

9. *Calls upon* States, in cases where a dispute arises in connection with a violation of their international obligations concerning the protection of the missions or the security of the representatives and officials mentioned in paragraph 2 above, to make use of the means available for peaceful settlement of disputes, including the good offices of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General, when he deems it appropriate, to offer his good offices to the States directly concerned;

10. *Urges:*

(a) All States to report to the Secretary-General, in a concise and expeditious manner and in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the Secretary-General,<sup>2</sup> serious violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations;

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(b) The State in which the violation took place — and, to the extent possible, the State where the alleged offender is present — to report to the Secretary-General, in a concise and expeditious manner and in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the Secretary-General, on measures taken to bring the offender to justice and to communicate, in accordance with its laws, the final outcome of the proceedings against the offender, and to report on measures adopted with a view to preventing a repetition of such violations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To send, without delay, a circular note to all States reminding them of the request contained in paragraph 10 above;

(b) To circulate to all States, upon receipt, the reports received by him pursuant to paragraph 10 above, unless the reporting State requests otherwise;

(c) To draw the attention, when appropriate, of the States directly concerned to the reporting procedures provided for in paragraph 10 above, when a serious violation has been reported pursuant to paragraph 10 (a) above;

(d) To address reminders to States where such violations have occurred if reports pursuant to paragraph 10 (a) above or follow-up reports pursuant to paragraph 10 (b) above have not been made within a reasonable period of time;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to invite States, in the circular note referred to in paragraph 11 (a) above, to inform him of their views with respect to any measures needed or already taken to enhance

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the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report containing:

(a) Information on the state of ratification of and accessions to the instruments referred to in paragraph 8 above;

(b) A summary of the reports received and views expressed pursuant to paragraphs 10 and 12 above;

14. Invites the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly any views he may wish to express on the matters referred to in paragraph 13 above;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session [2018] the item entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives".

<sup>2</sup> [A/42/485](#), annex.

## **Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (agenda item 83)**

Res. [71/146](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

2. *Decides* that the Special Committee shall hold its next session from 21 February to 1 March 2017;

([LA/COD/14](#), of 30 December 2016)

3. *Requests* the Special Committee, at its session in 2017, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution [50/52](#) of 11 December 1995:

(a) To continue its consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations and, in this context, to consider other proposals relating to the maintenance of international peace and security already submitted or which may be submitted to the Special Committee at its session in 2017, including strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations or arrangements in the peaceful settlement of disputes;

(b) To keep on its agenda the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States;

I To consider, as appropriate, any proposal referred to it by the General Assembly in the implementation of the decisions of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly in September 2005 that concern the Charter and any amendments thereto;

(d) To continue to consider, on a priority basis, ways and means of improving its working methods and enhancing its efficiency and utilization of resources with a view to identifying widely acceptable

measures for future implementation;

4. *Endorses* the decisions and recommendations adopted by the Special Committee at its 2016 session, as annexed to the present resolution, and calls upon the Special Committee to consider these in an appropriate, substantive manner and framework;

5. *Invites* the Special Committee, at its session in 2017, to continue to identify new subjects for consideration in its future work with a view to contributing to the revitalization of the work of the United Nations;

6. *Notes* the readiness of the Special Committee to provide, within its mandate, such assistance as may be sought at the request of other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly in relation to any issues before them;

7. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session;

8. *Recognizes* the important role of the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, in adjudicating disputes among States and the value of its work, as well as the importance of having recourse to the Court in the peaceful settlement of disputes, notes that, consistent with Article 96 of the Charter, the Court's advisory jurisdiction may be requested by the General Assembly, the Security Council or other authorized organs of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and requests the Secretary-General to distribute, in due course, the advisory opinions requested by the principal organs of the United Nations as official documents of the United Nations;

9. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the progress made in the preparation of studies for the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*, including the increased use of the internship programme of the United Nations and further expanded cooperation with academic institutions for this purpose, as well as the progress made towards updating the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council*;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the contributions made by Member States to the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the *Repertory*, as well as the trust fund for the updating of the *Repertoire*;

11. *Reiterates its call for* voluntary contributions to the trust fund for the elimination of the backlog in the *Repertory* so as to further support the Secretariat in carrying out the effective elimination of that backlog; voluntary contributions to the trust fund for the updating of the *Repertoire*; and the sponsoring, on a voluntary basis and with no cost to the United Nations, of associate experts to assist in the updating of the two publications;

([LA/COD/46](#), of 20 December 2016; and [LA/COD/46/1](#) of 20 December 2016)

12. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards updating the two publications and making them available electronically in all their respective language versions, and welcomes the establishment of a new website for the *Repertory*;<sup>7</sup>

13. *Notes with concern* that the backlog in the preparation of volume III of the *Repertory*, although slightly reduced, has not been eliminated, and calls upon the Secretary-General to address that issue effectively and on a priority basis, while commending the Secretary-General for progress

made in reducing the backlog;

14. *Reiterates* the responsibility of the Secretary-General for the quality of the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire*, and with regard to the *Repertoire* calls upon the Secretary-General to continue to follow the modalities outlined in paragraphs 102 to 106 of his report dated 18 September 1952;<sup>8</sup>

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session a report on both the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire*;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session, under the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization", a report on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".

<sup>7</sup> <http://legal.un.org/repertory>.

<sup>8</sup> [A/2170](#).

## **Annex**

### *The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization*

1. *Calls upon* the Member States to hold intersessional informal meetings with the aim of finalizing the proposal of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries entitled "Proposal of the Non-Aligned Movement on the pacific settlement of disputes and its impact on the maintenance of peace"<sup>9</sup> and the proposal submitted by Ghana entitled "Working paper by Ghana on strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes",<sup>10</sup> and calls upon all the Member States to constructively engage on those proposals with a view to making substantive progress at the next session of the Special Committee;

2. *Recommends* that the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (Article 50 of the Charter) be considered by the Special Committee at the seventy-second session [2017] of the General Assembly and biennially thereafter, and recommends that the Secretary-General be requested to submit to the Assembly a report on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter relating to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions at the seventy-second session [2017] and biennially thereafter;

3. *Also recommends* that the Secretary-General be requested to brief the Special Committee annually, commencing at its 2017 session, on the document entitled "Introduction and implementation of sanctions imposed by the United Nations" contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution [64/115](#) of 16 December 2009.

<sup>9</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/70/33), annex I.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 33 (A/71/33), annex

## Commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the International Court of Justice

Res. [71/147](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Solemnly commends* the International Court of Justice for the important role that it has played as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations over the past 70 years in adjudicating disputes among States, and recognizes the value of its work;

4. *Encourages* States to continue considering recourse to the Court by means available under its Statute, and calls upon States that have not yet done so to consider accepting the jurisdiction of the Court in accordance with its Statute;

5. *Calls upon* States to consider means of strengthening the Court's work, including by supporting the Secretary-General's Trust Fund to Assist States in the Settlement of Disputes through the International Court of Justice on a voluntary basis, in order to enable the Fund to carry on and to strengthen its support to the countries which submit their disputes to the Court;

6. *Stresses* the importance of promoting the work of the Court, and urges that efforts be continued through available means to encourage public awareness in the teaching, study and wider dissemination of the activities of the Court in the peaceful settlement of disputes, in view of both its judiciary and advisory functions.

## The rule of law at the national and international levels (agenda item 84)

Res. [71/148](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Recalls* the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the rule of law at the national and international levels, held during the high-level segment of its sixty-seventh session, and the declaration adopted at that meeting,<sup>2</sup> takes note of the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to paragraph 41 of the declaration,<sup>3</sup> and requests the Sixth Committee to continue its consideration of ways and means of further developing the linkages between the rule of law and the three pillars of the United Nations;

2. *Acknowledges* the efforts to strengthen the rule of law through voluntary pledges, encourages all States to consider making pledges, individually or jointly, based on their national priorities, and also encourages those States that have made pledges to continue to exchange information, knowledge and best practices in this regard;

ongoing request  
(EOSG/ROL/2014/1, 10  
Sep 2014)

4. *Encourages* the Secretary-General and the United Nations system to accord high priority to rule of law activities;

5. *Reaffirms* the role of the General Assembly in encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification, and further reaffirms that States shall abide by all of their obligations under

international law;

6. *Also reaffirms* the imperative of upholding and promoting the rule of law at the international level in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations

7. *Further reaffirms* its commitment to work tirelessly for the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>5</sup> and recalls that the Sustainable Development Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development;

8. *Recognizes* the role of multilateral treaty processes in advancing the rule of law, recalls the constructive debate held on this subtopic in the Sixth Committee during the seventieth session of the General Assembly, and in this regard:

(a) Reaffirms its support for the annual treaty event organized by the Secretary-General, and welcomes the organization of workshops on treaty practice by the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, both at the regional level and at United Nations Headquarters, as an important capacity-building initiative, and invites States to continue to support this activity;

(b) Commends the Secretary-General for his review of the regulations giving effect to Article 102 of the Charter, and takes note of the recommendations for consideration by the Sixth Committee contained in his annual report;<sup>6</sup>

I Welcomes the efforts made to develop and enhance the United Nations electronic treaty database, providing online access to comprehensive information on the depositary functions of the Secretary-General and the registration and publication of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter, and encourages the continuation of such efforts in the future, while bearing in mind that many developing countries lack affordable access to information and communications technologies;

(d) Recognizes the importance of the legal publications prepared by the Treaty Section, takes note of the information provided by the Secretary-General in his annual report,<sup>7</sup> and stresses the need to update the Summary of Practice of the Secretary-General as Depositary of Multilateral Treaties in the light of these new developments and practices;

9. *Recalls* the constructive debate held on the subtopic “Sharing national practices of States in the implementation of multilateral treaties” in the Sixth Committee during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, welcomes the technical assistance provided by the United Nations system to Member States, upon their request, in the implementation of multilateral treaties at the national level as a tangible contribution to strengthening the rule of law at both the national and international levels, and commends the efforts made by States in this regard;

10. *Also recalls* the constructive debate held on the subtopic “Practical measures to facilitate access to justice for all, including for the poorest and most vulnerable” in the Sixth Committee during the seventy-first session, which highlighted, inter alia, the importance of appropriate tools and measures to promote the legal empowerment of individuals,

and recognizes the role of this subtopic in advancing the rule of law;

11. *Welcomes* the dialogue initiated by the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group and the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General with Member States on the topic “Promoting the rule of law at the international level”, and calls for the continuation of this dialogue with a view to fostering the rule of law at the international level;

12. *Recognizes* the importance of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law to the furtherance of United Nations rule of law programmes and activities, emphasizes that further technical assistance and capacity-building initiatives, focused on increasing and improving the participation of Member States in the multilateral treaty process, should be examined, and invites States to support these activities;

13. *Stresses* the importance of adherence to the rule of law at the national level and the need to strengthen support to Member States, upon their request, in the domestic implementation of their respective international obligations through enhanced technical assistance and capacity-building in order to develop, reinforce and maintain domestic institutions active in the promotion of rule of law at the national and international levels, subject to national ownership, strategies and priorities;

14. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure greater coordination and coherence among the United Nations entities and with donors and recipients, and reiterates its call for greater evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities, including possible measures to improve the effectiveness of those capacity-building activities;

15. *Calls*, in this context, for dialogue to be enhanced among all stakeholders, with a view to placing national perspectives at the centre of rule of law assistance in order to strengthen national ownership, while recognizing that rule of law activities must be anchored in a national context and that States have different national experiences in the development of their systems of the rule of law, taking into account their legal, political, socioeconomic, cultural, religious and other local specificities, while also recognizing that there are common features founded on international norms and standards;

16. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and the United Nations system to systematically address, as appropriate, aspects of the rule of law in relevant activities, including the participation of women in rule of law-related activities, recognizing the importance of the rule of law to virtually all areas of United Nations engagement;

17. *Expresses full support* for the overall coordination and coherence role of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group within the United Nations system, within existing mandates, supported by the Rule of Law Unit and under the leadership of the Deputy Secretary-General;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, in a timely manner, his next annual report on United Nations rule of law activities, in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution [63/128](#) of 11 December 2008, addressing, in a balanced manner, the national and international dimensions of the rule of law

19. *Recognizes* the importance of restoring confidence in the rule of law as a key element of transitional justice;

20. *Recalls* the commitment of Member States to take all necessary steps to provide fair, transparent, effective, non-discriminatory and accountable services that promote access to justice for all, including legal aid, encourages further dialogue and the sharing of national practices and expertise in strengthening the rule of law through access to justice, including with regard to the provision of birth registration for all, appropriate registration and documentation of refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and stateless persons, and legal aid, where appropriate, in both criminal and civil proceedings, and in this regard recognizes the role of knowledge and technology, including in judicial systems, and stresses the need to intensify the assistance extended to Governments upon their request;

21. *Stresses* the importance of promoting the sharing of national practices and of inclusive dialogue, welcomes the proposals made by the Secretary-General, inviting Member States to voluntarily exchange national best practices on the rule of law in informal meetings and on an electronic depository of best practices on the United Nations rule of law website, and invites Member States to do so;

ongoing request  
(EOSG/ROL/NV/2015/1,  
4 Mar 2015)

22. *Invites* the International Court of Justice, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the International Law Commission to continue to comment, in their respective reports to the General Assembly, on their current roles in promoting the rule of law;

23. *Invites* the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group and the Rule of Law Unit to continue their dialogue with all Member States by interacting with them in a regular, transparent and inclusive manner, in particular in informal briefings, and welcomes the informal briefings held during the seventieth session;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further elaborate on a review of the regulations giving effect to Article 102 of the Charter, taking into account recent developments, and to prepare a report on the registration and publication of treaties and international agreements pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter, to be submitted well in advance of the seventy-second [2017] session of the General Assembly;

25. *Stresses* the need for the Rule of Law Unit to carry out its tasks in an effective and sustainable manner and the need to provide it with reasonable means required to that effect;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled “The rule of law at the national and international levels”, and invites Member States to focus their comments during the upcoming Sixth Committee debate on the subtopic “Ways and means to further disseminate international law to strengthen the rule of law”.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution [67/1](#).

<sup>3</sup> [A/68/213/Add.1](#).

<sup>5</sup> Resolution [70/1](#).

<sup>6</sup> A/71/169, sect. II.D.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. II.E.

## The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction (agenda item 85)

Res. [71/149](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

2. *Decides* that the Sixth Committee shall continue its consideration of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, without prejudice to the consideration of this topic and related issues in other forums of the United Nations, and for this purpose decides to establish, at its seventy-second session, a working group of the Sixth Committee to continue to undertake a thorough discussion of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction;

3. *Invites* Member States and relevant observers, as appropriate, to submit, before 28 April 2017, information and observations on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, including, where appropriate, information on the relevant applicable international treaties and their national legal rules and judicial practice, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session a report based on such information and observations;

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([LA/COD/59/1](#), of 17 January 2017; and  
[LA/COD/59/2](#), of 17 January 2017)

4. *Decides* that the working group shall be open to all Member States and that relevant observers to the General Assembly will be invited to participate in the work of the working group;

5. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction".

## The law of transboundary aquifers (agenda item 86)

Res. [71/150](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Commends* to the attention of Governments the draft articles on the law of transboundary aquifers annexed to its resolution [68/118](#) as guidance for bilateral or regional agreements and arrangements for the proper management of transboundary aquifers;

2. *Encourages* the International Hydrological Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its contribution by providing further scientific and technical assistance upon the consent of the recipient State and within its mandate;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session [2019] the item entitled "The law of transboundary aquifers".

## Measures to eliminate international terrorism (agenda item 108)

Res. [71/151](#), 13 Dec. 2016

[Summary of consideration](#)

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

2. *Calls upon* all Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,<sup>1</sup> as well as the resolutions relating to the first, second, third, fourth and fifth biennial reviews of the Strategy,<sup>10</sup> in all its aspects at the international,

regional, subregional and national levels without delay, including by mobilizing resources and expertise;

3. *Recalls* the pivotal role of the General Assembly in following up the implementation and the updating of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, looks forward to the sixth biennial review, in 2018, and in this regard recalls its invitation to the Secretary-General to contribute to the future deliberations of the Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General when doing so to provide information on relevant activities within the Secretariat to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system;

4. *Reiterates* that criminal acts intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in the general public, a group of persons or particular persons for political purposes are in any circumstances unjustifiable, whatever the considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other nature that may be invoked to justify them;

5. *Reiterates its call upon* all States to adopt further measures in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant provisions of international law, including international standards of human rights, to prevent terrorism and to strengthen international cooperation in combating terrorism and, to that end, to consider, in particular, the implementation of the measures set out in paragraphs 3 (a) to (f) of General Assembly resolution [51/210](#);

6. *Also reiterates its call upon* all States, with the aim of enhancing the efficient implementation of relevant legal instruments, to intensify, as and where appropriate, the exchange of information on facts related to terrorism and, in so doing, to avoid the dissemination of inaccurate or unverified information;

7. *Reiterates its call upon* States to refrain from financing, encouraging, providing training for or otherwise supporting terrorist activities;

8. *Expresses concern* at the increase in incidents of kidnapping and hostage-taking with demands for ransom and/or political concessions by terrorist groups, and expresses the need to address this issue;

9. *Expresses grave concern* over the acute and growing threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters, namely, individuals who travel to a State other than their States of residence or nationality for the purpose of the perpetration, planning or preparation of, or participation in, terrorist acts or providing or receiving terrorist training, including in connection with armed conflict, emphasizes the need for States to address this issue, including through the implementation of their international obligations, and underlines the importance of United Nations capacity-building and facilitation of capacity-building in accordance with existing mandates to assist States, including those in the most affected regions, upon their request;

10. *Emphasizes* the need for States to cooperate resolutely against international terrorism by taking speedy and effective measures to eliminate this scourge, and in this regard calls upon all States, in accordance with their obligations under applicable international law and the Charter, to deny safe haven and bring to justice or, where appropriate, extradite, on the basis of the principle of extradite or

prosecute, the perpetrators of terrorist acts or any person who supports, facilitates or participates or attempts to participate in the financing, planning or preparation of terrorist acts;

11. *Urges* States to ensure that their nationals or other persons and entities within their territory that wilfully provide or collect funds for the benefit of persons or entities who commit, or attempt to commit, facilitate or participate in the commission of terrorist acts are punished by penalties consistent with the grave nature of such acts;

12. *Reminds* States of their obligations under relevant international conventions and protocols, and Security Council resolutions, including Council resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#), to ensure that perpetrators of terrorist acts are brought to justice, and recalls the General Assembly resolutions on measures to eliminate international terrorism;

13. *Reaffirms* that international cooperation as well as actions by States to combat terrorism should be conducted in conformity with the principles of the Charter, international law and relevant international conventions;

14. *Recalls* the adoption of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism,<sup>11</sup> the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material,<sup>12</sup> the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation<sup>13</sup> and the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf,<sup>14</sup> and urges all States to consider, as a matter of priority, becoming parties to these instruments

15. *Urges* all States that have not yet done so to consider, as a matter of priority and in accordance with Security Council resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#) and Council resolution [1566 \(2004\)](#) of 8 October 2004, becoming parties to the relevant conventions and protocols as referred to in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution [51/210](#), as well as the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings,<sup>15</sup> the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism,<sup>16</sup> the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, and calls upon all States to enact, as appropriate, the national legislation necessary to implement the provisions of those conventions and protocols, to ensure that the jurisdiction of their courts enables them to bring to trial the perpetrators of terrorist acts and to cooperate with and provide support and assistance to other States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to that end;

16. *Urges* States to cooperate with the Secretary-General and with one another, as well as with interested intergovernmental organizations, with a view to ensuring, where appropriate within existing mandates, that technical and other expert advice is provided to those States requiring and requesting assistance in becoming parties to and implementing the conventions and protocols referred to in paragraph 15 above;

18. *Reaffirms* the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution [49/60](#), and the Declaration to Supplement the 1994 Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, contained in the annex to Assembly

resolution [51/210](#), and calls upon all States to implement them;

19. *Calls upon* all States to cooperate to prevent and suppress terrorist acts;

20. *Urges* all States and the Secretary-General, in their efforts to prevent international terrorism, to make the best use of the existing institutions of the United Nations;

21. *Notes* that the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre is performing its duties within the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force in New York and that the Centre is supporting the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and encourages all Member States to collaborate with the Centre and to contribute to the implementation of its activities within the Task Force;

22. *Requests* the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna to continue its efforts to enhance, through its mandate, the capabilities of the United Nations in the prevention of terrorism, and recognizes, in the context of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Security Council resolution [1373 \(2001\)](#), its role in assisting States in becoming parties to and implementing the relevant international conventions and protocols relating to terrorism, including the most recent among them, and in strengthening international cooperation mechanisms in criminal matters related to terrorism, including through national capacity-building;

23. *Invites* regional intergovernmental organizations to submit to the Secretary-General information on the measures they have adopted at the regional level to eliminate international terrorism, as well as on intergovernmental meetings held by those organizations;

1 June 2017  
([LA/COD/11/3](#) of  
16 January 2017)

24. *Decides* to recommend that the Sixth Committee, at the seventy-second session [2017] of the General Assembly, establish a working group with a view to finalizing the process on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism as well as discussions on the item included in its agenda by Assembly resolution [54/110](#) concerning the question of convening a high-level conference under the auspices of the United Nations;

25. *Recognizes* the efforts of Member States towards resolving any outstanding issues, and encourages all Member States to redouble their efforts during the intersessional period;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled “Measures to eliminate international terrorism”.

<sup>1</sup> Resolution [60/288](#).

<sup>10</sup> Resolutions [62/272](#), [64/297](#), [66/282](#), [68/276](#) and [70/291](#).

<sup>11</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2445, No. 44004.

<sup>12</sup> Adopted on 8 July 2005 by the Conference to Consider and Adopt Proposed Amendments to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (International Atomic Energy Agency, document GOV/INF/2005/10-GC(49)/INF/6, attachment).

<sup>13</sup> Adopted on 14 October 2005 by the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties (International Maritime Organization, document LEG/CONF.15/21).

<sup>14</sup> Adopted on 14 October 2005 by the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties (International Maritime Organization, document LEG/CONF.15/22).

<sup>15</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2149, No. 37517.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2178, No. 38349.

## Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (agenda item 165)

Res. [71/152](#), 13 Dec. 16

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*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Endorses* the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 12 of its report;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Considers* that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the normal work of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations and the observance of their privileges and immunities, which is an issue of great importance, are in the interest of the United Nations and all Member States, requests the host country to continue to solve, through negotiations, problems that might arise and to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of missions, and urges the host country to continue to take appropriate action, such as training of police, security, customs and border control officers, with a view to maintaining respect for diplomatic privileges and immunities and if violations occur to ensure that such cases are properly investigated and remedied, in accordance with applicable law;
3. *Notes* the problems experienced by some Permanent Missions to the United Nations in connection with the implementation of the Parking Programme for Diplomatic Vehicles,<sup>4</sup> and notes that the Committee shall remain seized of the matter, with a view to continuing to maintain the proper implementation of the Parking Programme in a manner that is fair, non-discriminatory, effective and therefore consistent with international law;
4. *Requests* the host country to consider removing the remaining travel restrictions imposed by it on staff of certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, and in this regard notes the long-standing positions of affected States, of the Secretary-General and of the host country;
5. *Recalls* article IV of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,<sup>3</sup> and notes the concerns expressed by some delegations concerning the denial and delay of entry visas to representatives of Member States;
6. *Notes* that the Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance its efforts to ensure the issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States pursuant to article IV, section 11, of the Headquarters Agreement and in a timely manner, to enable travel to New York on United Nations business and that the Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance efforts, including visa issuance, to facilitate the participation of representatives of Member States in other United Nations meetings, as appropriate;
7. *Also notes* that a number of delegations have requested shortening the time frame applied by the host country for issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States since the time frame poses difficulties for the full-fledged participation of Member States in United Nations meetings, and invites the host country to inform the Committee, as appropriate, of efforts to address such difficulties;
8. *Notes with concern* the difficulties experienced by some

Permanent Missions to the United Nations in obtaining suitable banking services, and welcomes the continued efforts of the host country to facilitate the opening of bank accounts for those Permanent Missions;

9. *Stresses the need* for the Permanent Missions and the United Nations to benefit from appropriate banking services, and anticipates that the host country will continue to assist the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations and their staff in obtaining such services;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts made by the host country, and expects that the issues raised at the meetings of the Committee will continue to be resolved in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law, including the Headquarters Agreement;

11. *Affirms* the importance of the Committee being in a position to fulfil its mandate and meet on short notice to deal with urgent and important matters concerning the relations between the United Nations and the host country, and in that connection requests the Secretariat and the Committee on Conferences to accord priority to requests from the Committee on Relations with the Host Country for conference-servicing facilities for meetings of that Committee that must be held while the General Assembly and its Main Committees are meeting, without prejudice to the requirements of those bodies and on an “as available” basis;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain actively engaged in all aspects of the relations of the United Nations with the host country, and recalls that the Secretary-General may bring to the attention of the Committee issues of mutual concern relating to the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;<sup>2</sup>

13. *Requests* the Committee to continue its work in conformity with General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI) and, in this framework, to continue to consider additional appropriate measures to enhance the work of the Committee and its effectiveness;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled “Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country”.

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/71/26)*.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 22 A (I).

<sup>3</sup> See resolution [169 \(III\)](#).

<sup>4</sup> [A/AC.154/355](#), annex.

## **Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly (agenda item 166)**

Dec. 71/524, 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly<sup>1</sup> until the seventy-second session of the Assembly;

<sup>1</sup> See [A/66/141](#).

## **Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly (agenda item 167)**

Dec. 71/525, 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly<sup>1</sup> until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

<sup>1</sup> See [A/70/141](#).

## **Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly (agenda item 168)**

Dec. 71/526, 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly<sup>1</sup> until the seventy-second session of the Assembly.

<sup>1</sup> See [A/70/142](#).

## **Observer status for the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries in the General Assembly (agenda item 170)**

Res. [71/153](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Decides* to invite the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

## **Observer status for the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America in the General Assembly (agenda item 171)**

Res. [71/154](#), 13 Dec. 16

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Decides* to invite the International Youth Organization for Ibero-America to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

## **Observer status for the Pacific Islands Development Forum in the General Assembly (agenda item 172)**

Res. [71/155](#), 13 Dec. 16      [Summary of consideration](#)      [Documents](#)      *Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Decides* to invite the Pacific Islands Development Forum to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

## **Observer status for the International Chamber of Commerce in the General Assembly (agenda item 173)**

Res. [71/156](#), 13 Dec. 16      [Summary of consideration](#)      [Documents](#)      *Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Decides* to invite the International Chamber of Commerce to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

## **Observer status for the Central American Bank for Economic Integration in the General Assembly (agenda item 174)**

Res. [71/157](#), 13 Dec. 16      [Summary of consideration](#)      [Documents](#)      *Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Decides* to invite the Central American Bank for Economic Integration to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.

## **2. Extracts from General Assembly resolutions adopted at prior sessions**

### **Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-sixth session (69<sup>th</sup> session, 2014, agenda item 78)**

#### **Expulsion of aliens**

Res. [69/119](#), 10 Dec. 14      [Summary of consideration](#)      [Documents](#)      *Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

3. *Takes note* of the recommendation of the International Law Commission contained in paragraph 42 of its report on the work of its sixty-sixth session,<sup>1</sup> and decides that the consideration of this recommendation shall be continued at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly;
4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] an item entitled “Expulsion of aliens”.

<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/69/10)*.

## Effects of armed conflicts on treaties (69<sup>th</sup> session, 2014, agenda item 84)

Res. [69/125](#), 10 Dec. 14

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Commends once again* the articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties to the attention of Governments without prejudice to the question of their future adoption or other appropriate action;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Governments to submit written comments on any future action regarding the articles;
3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled “Effects of armed conflicts on treaties”, with a view to examining, inter alia, the question of the form that might be given to the articles.

1 June 2017  
(LA/COD/47 of [21 Jan 2015](#) and [12 Jan 2016](#))

## Responsibility of international organizations (69<sup>th</sup> session, 2014, agenda item 85)

Res. [69/126](#), 10 Dec. 14

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

1. *Takes note* once again of the articles on the responsibility of international organizations and commends them to the attention of Governments and international organizations without prejudice to the question of their future adoption or other appropriate action;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare an initial compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies referring to the articles and to invite Governments and international organizations to submit information on their practice in this regard, as well as written comments on any future action regarding the articles, and further requests the Secretary-General to submit this material well in advance of its seventy-second session;
3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled “Responsibility of international organizations”, with a view to examining, inter alia, the question of the form that might be given to the articles;

1 February 2017  
(LA/COD/43 of [7 Jan 2015](#) and [12 Jan 2016](#))

## Measures to eliminate international terrorism (50<sup>th</sup> session, 1995, agenda item 146)

Res. [50/53](#), 11 Dec. 95

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow up closely the implementation of the Declaration and to submit an annual report on the implementation of paragraph 10 of the Declaration, taking into account the modalities set out in his report [[A/50/372](#) and [Add.1](#)] and the views expressed by States in the debate of the Sixth Committee during the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

1 June 2017  
([LA/COD/11/1](#), of 16 January 2017;  
[LA/COD/11/2](#), of 16 January 2017; and  
[LA/COD/11/3](#), of 16 January 2017)

## Measures to eliminate international terrorism (49<sup>th</sup> session, 1994, agenda item 142)

Res. [49/60](#), 9 Dec. 94

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

10. The Secretary-General should assist in the implementation of the present Declaration by taking, within existing resources, the following practical measures to enhance international cooperation:

- (1) A collection of data on the status and implementation of existing multilateral, regional and bilateral agreements relating to international terrorism, including information on incidents caused by international terrorism and criminal prosecutions and sentencing, based on information received from the depositaries of those agreements and from Member States;

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1 June 2017  
([LA/COD/11/1](#), of 16 January 2017;  
[LA/COD/11/2](#), of 16 January 2017; and  
[LA/COD/11/3](#), of 16 January 2017)

## United Nations Juridical Yearbook (17<sup>th</sup> session, 1962, agenda item 73)

Res. [1814\(XVII\)](#), 18 Dec. 62  
Res. [3006\(XXVII\)](#), 18 Dec. 72

*Deadlines (Note Verbale)*

[Resolution [1814\(XVII\)](#) requests the Secretary-General to undertake the publication of the United Nations Juridical Yearbook and Resolution [3006\(XXVII\)](#) contains the outline thereof]

1 June 2017  
([LA/COD/10](#), of 16 January 2017)



## Annex I – Deadlines for the submission of information and receipt of comments from Governments and international organizations requested by the General Assembly

*Information as of 25 January 2017*

<i>Deadline (Note Verbale No.)</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>G.A. Res.</i>	<i>Request</i>
<b>[Ongoing request]</b> (EOSG/ROL/2014/1, 10 Sep 2014)	The rule of law at the national and international levels	<a href="#">71/148</a> , of 13 December 2016	Member States that have made pledges under para. 2 of GA Resolution <a href="#">71/148</a> are invited to voluntarily report on the implementation of their pledges. Responses are accepted on an ongoing basis.
<b>[Ongoing request]</b> (EOSG/ROL/NV/2015/1, 4 Mar 2015)	The rule of law at the national and international levels	<a href="#">71/148</a> , of 13 December 2016	Governments are invited to submit best national practices via the form attached to the Note Verbale, to be published in the electronic repository of best national practices on the United Nations website ( <a href="https://www.un.org/ruleoflaw/national-practices/">https://www.un.org/ruleoflaw/national-practices/</a> ) and to express their willingness to present and discuss their best national practices in an open meeting. Responses are accepted on an ongoing basis.
<b>1 Feb 2017</b> (LA/COD/43, <a href="#">7 Jan 15</a> and <a href="#">12 Jan 16</a> )	Responsibility of international organizations	<a href="#">69/126</a> of 10 December 2014	Governments and International Organizations are requested to submit written comments on any future action regarding the articles on the responsibility of international organizations and information regarding decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies referring to the articles for inclusion by the Secretary-General in a compilation of information concerning such practice to be submitted well in advance of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017), and to be considered at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017).
<b>28 Apr 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/59/1</a> , of 17 January 2017)	The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction	<a href="#">71/149</a> , of 13 December 2016	Member States are invited to submit information and observations on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, including, where appropriate, information on the relevant applicable international treaties and their national legal rules and judicial practice, to be considered at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017).
<b>28 Apr 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/59/2</a> , of 17 January 2017)	The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction	<a href="#">71/149</a> , of 13 December 2016	Observers are invited to submit information and observations on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, including, where appropriate, information on the relevant applicable international treaties and their national legal rules and judicial practice, to be considered at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017).
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/50/1</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	<a href="#">71/134</a> , of 13 December 2016	Member States are invited to submit further comments on the report of the Group of Legal Experts, including on the question of future action.
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/50/1</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	<a href="#">71/134</a> , of 13 December 2016	States against whose nationals (United Nations officials or experts on mission) credible allegations that reveal that a crime may have been committed are urged to provide periodic updates on their handling of the allegations, in particular informing whether any disciplinary or criminal proceedings have been brought and of the outcome of any such proceedings or

			the reasons for not initiating them, provided that this would not be contrary to national laws or prejudice national investigations or national proceedings.
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/50/1</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	<a href="#">71/134</a> , of 13 December 2016	States that have notified the United Nations with respect to investigations or prosecutions of crimes allegedly committed by United Nations officials or experts on mission are urged to provide periodic updates on their handling of the allegations, in particular informing whether any disciplinary or criminal proceedings have been brought and of the outcome of any such proceedings or the reasons for not initiating them, provided that this would not be contrary to national laws or prejudice national investigations or national proceedings.
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/50/1</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	<a href="#">71/134</a> , of 13 December 2016	Governments are urged to provide specific details on the measures taken for the implementation of resolutions <a href="#">62/63</a> , <a href="#">63/119</a> , <a href="#">64/110</a> , <a href="#">65/20</a> , <a href="#">66/93</a> , <a href="#">67/88</a> , <a href="#">68/105</a> , <a href="#">69/114</a> , and <a href="#">70/114</a> , including their provisions addressing the establishment of jurisdiction over crimes, particularly those of a serious nature, as known in their existing national criminal laws, committed by their nationals while serving as United Nations officials or experts on mission, as well as cooperation among States.
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/50/1</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	<a href="#">71/134</a> , of 13 December 2016	Governments are requested to provide specific details on the measures taken, as necessary, for the implementation of resolutions <a href="#">62/63</a> , <a href="#">63/119</a> , <a href="#">64/110</a> , <a href="#">65/20</a> , <a href="#">66/93</a> , <a href="#">67/88</a> , <a href="#">68/105</a> and <a href="#">69/114</a> .
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/11/1</a> of 16 January 2017)	Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism	<a href="#">49/60</a> of 9 December 1994 and <a href="#">50/53</a> of 11 December 1995	States are requested to submit data on the status and implementation of existing multilateral, regional and bilateral agreements relating to international terrorism, including information on incidents caused by international terrorism and criminal prosecutions and sentencing, based on information received from the depositaries of those agreements and from Member States, to be considered at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017).
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/11/2</a> of 16 January 2017)	Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism	<a href="#">49/60</a> of 9 December 1994 and <a href="#">50/53</a> of 11 December 1995	International organizations are requested to submit data on the status and implementation of existing multilateral, regional and bilateral agreements relating to international terrorism, including information on incidents caused by international terrorism and criminal prosecutions and sentencing, based on information received from the depositaries of those agreements and from Member States, to be considered at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017).
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/11/3</a> of 16 January 2017)	Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism	<a href="#">49/60</a> of 9 December 1994, <a href="#">50/53</a> of 11 December 1995, and 71/151 of 13 December 2016	Regional intergovernmental organizations are invited to submit to the Secretary-General information on the measures they have adopted at the regional level to eliminate international terrorism, as well as on intergovernmental meetings held by those organizations
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/10</a> , of 16 January 2017)	United Nations Juridical Yearbook	<a href="#">1814(XVII)</a> of 18 December 1962 and <a href="#">3006(XXVII)</a> of 18 December 1972.	Governments are requested to provide the text of any domestic laws or regulations enacted in 2016 relating to the legal activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Trade Organization, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons or the International Criminal Court, as well as the text or a brief description of any decisions made in 2016 by the tribunals of the countries of the Permanent Representatives on questions

			relating to the United Nations, the specialized agencies, or the other related organizations.
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/10</a> , of 16 January 2017)	United Nations Juridical Yearbook	<a href="#">1814(XVII)</a> of 18 December 1962 and <a href="#">3006(XXVII)</a> of 18 December 1972.	United Nations specialised agencies and other related organizations are invited to provide information of new developments in 2016, including a summary of their legal activities, new treaties concerning their legal status which came into force or were amended, new treaties concerning international law adopted under their auspices, legal opinions of their secretariats, and other relevant legal information
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/10</a> , of 16 January 2017)	United Nations Juridical Yearbook	<a href="#">1814(XVII)</a> of 18 December 1962 and <a href="#">3006(XXVII)</a> of 18 December 1972.	The Administrative Tribunals of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund are requested to provide the texts of the most important decisions pronounced by them in 2016.
<b>1 June 2017</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/47</a> , <a href="#">21 Jan 15</a> and <a href="#">12 Jan 16</a> )	Effects of armed conflicts on treaties	<a href="#">69/125</a> of 10 December 2014	Governments are requested to submit in writing to the Secretary-General any comments on any future action regarding the articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties, to be considered at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017).
<b>1 Jan 2018</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/62</a> , of 17 January 2017)	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-eighth session	<a href="#">71/140</a> , of 13 December 2016	Governments are invited to submit their comments and observations on the draft conclusions on the topic "Identification of customary international law", adopted on first reading by the Commission at its sixty-eighth session.
<b>1 Jan 2018</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/65</a> , of 17 January 2017)	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-eighth session	<a href="#">71/140</a> , of 13 December 2016	Governments are invited to submit their comments and observations on the draft conclusions on the topic "Subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties", adopted on first reading by the Commission at its sixty-eighth session.
<b>18 May 2018</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/4</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic missions and representatives	<a href="#">71/145</a> , of 13 December 2016	All States are urged to report, in a concise and expeditious manner and in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the Secretary-General, serious violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as missions and representations with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations.
<b>18 May 2018</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/4</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic missions and representatives	<a href="#">71/145</a> , of 13 December 2016	The State in which the violation took place – and, to the extent possible, the State where the alleged offender is present – are urged to report, in a concise and expeditious manner and in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the Secretary-General, on measures taken to bring the offender to justice and to communicate, in accordance with its laws, the final outcome of the proceedings against the offender, and to report on measures adopted with a view to preventing a repetition of such violations.
<b>18 May 2018</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/4</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic missions and representatives	<a href="#">71/145</a> , of 13 December 2016	States are invited to inform their views with respect to any measures needed or already taken to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations.
<b>1 June 2018</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/2/1</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts	<a href="#">71/144</a> , of 13 December 2016	States are invited to submit any information deemed relevant on the status of the Additional Protocols relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, as well as on measures taken to strengthen the existing body of

			international humanitarian law, inter alia, with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at the national level.
<b>1 June 2018</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/2/2</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts	<a href="#">71/144</a> , of 13 December 2016	The International Committee of the Red Cross is invited to submit any information deemed relevant on the status of the Additional Protocols relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, as well as on measures taken to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law, inter alia, with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at the national level.
<b>1 Feb 2019</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/26</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts	<a href="#">71/133</a> , of 13 December 2016	Governments are requested to submit further written comments on any future action regarding the articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts.
<b>1 Feb 2019</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/26</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts	<a href="#">71/133</a> , of 13 December 2016	Governments are invited to submit information on their practice with respect to decisions of tribunals or other bodies referring to the articles on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts.
<b>1 June 2019</b> ( <a href="#">LA/COD/38</a> , of 16 January 2017)	Diplomatic protection	<a href="#">71/142</a> , of 13 December 2016	Governments are invited to submit in writing any further comments on the articles on diplomatic protection, including comments concerning the recommendation by the International Law Commission to elaborate a convention on the basis of the articles.

## **Annex II – Guidelines for the submission of information and receipt of comments**

Written submissions by Governments of comments and observations, as requested by the General Assembly, and other written communications to the Secretariat of the Sixth Committee, should be addressed to either: the Secretary-General of the United Nations; the Secretariat; the Legal Counsel of the United Nations; or the Director of the Codification Division / Secretary of the Sixth Committee, as appropriate. Official correspondence should not be addressed to individual staff members of the Secretariat.

### **Format of submissions**

Submissions should indicate the reference number (i.e. LA/COD/...) of the topic. All communications should be submitted on the official letterhead of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations and signed or initialled by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission. All submissions should be in one or more of the official languages of the United Nations only.

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