

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

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Explanatory note:

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1. Extracts from General Assembly resolutions adopted at the 72nd session

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission (agenda item 78)

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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 Member States on progress with respect to the implementation of the mandate of the Special Coordinator;

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;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure greater quality and consistency in investigations by investigative entities of the Organization through the development of harmonized standards of investigation, including verification of allegations and information received;

8. *Expresses* its concern with respect to the low rate of response from States to referred allegations and to requests for information on their provisions addressing the establishment of jurisdiction over crimes, as requested in its resolution 71/134, and in particular expresses its deep concern with regard to the significant number of instances where States to which allegations have been referred have failed to advise the United Nations of any steps taken in response to such referrals, including the failure to acknowledge such referrals;

9. *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;

10. *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;

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11. *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;

12. *Encourages* all States:

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(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;

13. *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;

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14. *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;

15. *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, 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,

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for that purpose, invites further comments from Member States on that report, including on the question of future action;

16. *Takes note* of the briefings by the Secretariat during the seventieth, seventy-first and seventy-second sessions, and decides to organize another briefing at the seventy-third session with a view to furthering discussion on measures that could be taken to help to ensure the accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission and prevent future crimes;

17. *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;

18. *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 20 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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19. *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;

20. *Urges* the States referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above to provide to the Secretary-General periodic updates on their handling of the allegations, in order to demonstrate that Member States are taking steps to ensure accountability for crimes committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission, in particular by 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, by all appropriate forms of communication, with a view to encouraging those States to respond;

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25. *Stresses* the critical importance of understanding what assistance and support are available for the benefit of victims of criminal conduct perpetrated by United Nations officials and experts on mission, and requests the Secretary-General to consider this and report to the Sixth Committee during the briefing at its seventy-third session;

26. *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, 70/114 and 71/134, 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

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States, and to provide specific details thereon, in particular with respect to paragraph 10 above, in the information provided to the Secretary-General;

27. *Recalls* its request in resolution 71/134 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, 69/114 and 70/114, and notes that, in response to those resolutions, 121 submissions were received from 57 Member States between 6 December 2007 and 1 June 2017;

28. *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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29. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit and keep updated a report setting out all relevant existing United Nations policies and procedures of the United Nations system regarding the allegations referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above, and requests the Secretary-General to develop recommendations to help to ensure that such policies and procedures relating to the reporting, investigation, referral and follow-up of credible allegations revealing that a crime may have been committed by United Nations officials and experts on mission are coherent, systematic and coordinated throughout the United Nations system;

30. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session on the implementation of the present resolution, in particular with respect to paragraphs 10, 12, 13, 15, 18 and 20 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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31. *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 18 and 19 above, as well as information received pursuant to paragraph 20 since 1 July 2007, limited to the United Nations entity involved, the year of referral, the dates and methods 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;

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its fiftieth session (agenda item 79)

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3. *Also commends* the Commission for the finalization and adoption of the Guide to Enactment of the Model Law on Secured Transactions, which provides

useful background and explanatory information for States in revising or adopting legislation on the basis of the Model Law, which is aimed at establishing an efficient secured transactions regime that would increase access to affordable secured credit and promote sustainable development through the facilitation of international trade and commercial activities, and requests the Secretary-General to publish the Guide to Enactment of 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;¹

4. *Congratulates* the Commission on its fiftieth anniversary, and notes with satisfaction that the Congress to commemorate the anniversary, held in Vienna from 4 to 6 July 2017 during the fiftieth session of the Commission, entitled “Modernizing International Trade Law to Support Innovation and Sustainable Development”, acknowledged the centrality of international cooperation and coordination to the achievements of the Commission, elicited innovative ideas for modernizing international trade law in a sustainable manner that could not only raise awareness of the work of the Commission and its potential to support cross-border commerce but also contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,² and emphasized the leading role played by the Commission in providing an inclusive, transparent and multilateral forum in which to address the legal challenges facing international trade, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the publication of the proceedings of the Congress to the extent permitted by available resources;

6. *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 2020, 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;

11. *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

¹ Ibid., chap. IV, sect. A.

² Ibid., chap. XV, sect. C.

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;³

(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, and welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure greater coordination and coherence among United Nations entities and with donors and recipients;

12. *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,⁴ 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 recalls in this regard its previous resolutions related to this matter, and notes in that regard the discussions of the Commission during its fiftieth session on its methods of work, including the request by Member States that the Secretariat seek and take into account the views of States on the draft provisional agenda as early as possible before the next session of the Commission,⁵ as well as achieve the right balance between written and oral methods of communication of necessary information to the Commission;⁶

13. *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

³ Resolution [70/1](#).

⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/65/17)*.

⁵ *Ibid.*, *Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/72/17)*, para. 479.

⁶ *Ibid.*, para. 480.

Assembly informed of developments regarding the establishment of regional centres, in particular their funding and budgetary situation;

14. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Bahrain, approved by the Commission, to establish, subject to the relevant rules and regulations of the United Nations and the internal approval process of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, a regional centre for the Middle East and North Africa in Bahrain as an important step for the Commission in reaching out to increase familiarity with texts of the Commission and to provide technical assistance to developing countries in the region, it being understood that the establishment of a regional presence would have to rely entirely on extrabudgetary resources, including but not limited to voluntary contributions from States,⁷ and expresses its appreciation to the Government of Bahrain for its generous contribution to the project, and requests the Commission, in its annual report, to keep the General Assembly informed of developments regarding the project, in particular its funding and budgetary situation;

15. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Cameroon, approved by the Commission, to establish, subject to the relevant rules and regulations of the United Nations and the internal approval process of the Office of Legal Affairs, a Regional Centre for Africa in Cameroon as an important step for the Commission in reaching out to increase familiarity with Commission texts and to provide technical assistance to developing countries in the region, it being understood that the establishment of a regional presence would have to rely entirely on extrabudgetary resources, including but not limited to voluntary contributions from States, expresses its appreciation to the Government of Cameroon for its generous contribution to the project, and requests the Commission, in its annual report, to keep the General Assembly informed of developments regarding the project, in particular its funding and budgetary situation;

16. *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;

17. *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-second 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;

22. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, in conformity with resolutions of the General Assembly on documentation-related matters,⁸ 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

⁷ Ibid., paras. 295 and 296.

⁸ Resolutions [52/214](#), sect. B, [57/283 B](#), sect. III, and [58/250](#), sect. III.

implementing page limits with respect to the documentation of the Commission;⁹

23. *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 decision of the Commission 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;¹⁰

25. *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;

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2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish the Model Law together with an explanatory note, 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 electronic commerce, and invites States that have used the Model Law to advise the Commission accordingly;

4. *Also recommends* that States continue to consider becoming parties to the United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts¹¹ and to give favourable consideration to the use of the Model Law on Electronic Commerce¹² and the Model Law on Electronic Signatures¹³ when revising or adopting legislation on electronic commerce;

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/69/17)*, para. 276.

¹¹ Resolution [60/21](#), annex.

¹² Resolution [51/162](#), annex.

¹³ Resolution [56/80](#), annex.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (agenda item 80)

Res. [72/115](#), 7 Dec. 2017

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1. *Reiterates its approval* of the guidelines and recommendations contained in section III of the reports of the Secretary-General,¹⁴ 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 report in 2018 and 2019, 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 15, 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;

¹⁴ [A/70/423](#), [A/71/432](#) and [A/72/517](#).

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to award a minimum of one scholarship in 2018 and one in 2019 under the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the regular budget, for consideration by the General Assembly, the necessary funding for the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea for the biennium 2018–2019, should voluntary contributions be insufficient for granting at least one fellowship a year;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include resources under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2020–2021 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;

12. *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 report¹⁵ in various formats, including hard copy publications, which are essential for developing countries;

13. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts undertaken by the Codification Division to bring up to date the United Nations legal publications, which greatly enhanced the timely issuance thereof and made possible the preparation of legal training materials, and encourages the Division to continue to explore ways of sustaining such efforts into the next biennium, subject to the availability of resources;

15. *Expresses* its appreciation for the issuance of the English-language edition 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 French and, subject to the availability of funds, in the other official languages of the United Nations, as well as its dissemination in developing countries;

([LA/COD/8/1](#), of 12 March 2018)

16. *Requests* the Codification Division 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;

17. *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;

¹⁵ [A/70/423](#), para. 45.

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 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;

([LA/COD/8/1](#), of 12 March 2018)

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 12 March 2018)

26. *Expresses* its appreciation to those Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the Programme of Assistance;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session on the implementation of the Programme of Assistance in 2018 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, to submit recommendations regarding the Programme in subsequent years;

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-ninth session (agenda item 81)

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4. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the importance for the International Law Commission of having their views by 15 January 2018 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, regarding:

15 January 2018

- (a) Protection of the atmosphere;
- (b) Provisional application of treaties;
- (c) Peremptory norms of general international law (*jus cogens*);
- (d) Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction;
- (e) Succession of States in respect of State responsibility;

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;¹⁶

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

8. *Takes note with appreciation* of the recommendation of the International Law Commission, contained in paragraphs 279 to 281 of its report, regarding the commemoration of its seventieth anniversary, and encourages States to make voluntary contributions to the trust fund for the Office of Legal Affairs to support the promotion of international law in order to facilitate the commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the Commission;

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9. *Takes note* of paragraph 282 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;

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;

27. *Takes note* of paragraph 285 of the report of the International Law Commission, underlines the importance of the publications of the Codification Division to the work of the Commission, welcomes in particular the issuance of the ninth edition of *The Work of the International Law Commission* in English, 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;

28. *Takes note* of paragraph 290 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;

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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

¹⁶ Ibid., *Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 10* ([A/71/10](#)), paras. 60 and 73.

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-second 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;

Expulsion of aliens (agenda item 82)

Res. [72/117](#), 7 Dec. 2017

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

2. *Takes note* of the articles on the expulsion of aliens presented by the International Law Commission, and acknowledges the comments expressed by Governments in the Sixth Committee at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly on the subject;¹⁷

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session the item entitled "Expulsion of aliens", with a view to examining, inter alia, the question of the form that might be given to the articles or any other appropriate action.

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. [72/118](#), 7 Dec. 2017

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

Deadlines (Note Verbale)

2. *Decides* that the Special Committee shall hold its next session from 20 to 28 February 2018;

([LA/COD/14](#) of 20 December 2017)

¹⁷ See [A/C.6/72/SR.14](#) and [A/C.6/72/SR.15](#).

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraph 3 of the annex to resolution [71/146](#), to brief the Special Committee at its next 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](#);

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to brief the Special Committee at its next session on the information referred to in paragraph 12 of his report on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions;¹⁸

6. *Decides* to undertake an annual thematic debate in the Special Committee, under the agenda item on the peaceful settlement of disputes, to discuss the means for the settlement of disputes, in accordance with Chapter VI of the Charter, including in particular those contained in Article 33 thereof, and consistent with the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes,¹⁹ and in that regard:

(a) Invites Member States to focus their comments during the thematic debate, to be held at the next session of the Special Committee, at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, on the subtopic “Exchange of information on State practices regarding the use of negotiation and enquiry”, while ensuring that the other means of dispute settlement will be discussed at the subsequent sessions of the Special Committee;

(b) Also invites Member States to comment on the subtopics of the annual debate in their general statements with a view to having the texts of those statements posted on the website of the Special Committee;

(c) Calls upon the Special Committee to include a summary of the subtopics of the annual debate in its annual report for further consideration;

11. *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;

15. *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 2017)

16. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards updating the two publications and making them available electronically in all

¹⁸ [A/72/136](#).

¹⁹ Resolution [37/10](#), annex.

their respective language versions, and encourages the continued updating of the website for the *Repertory*;²⁰

17. *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;

18. *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;²¹

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

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

Res. [72/119](#), 7 Dec. 2017

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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
September 2014)

9. *Recognizes* the role of multilateral treaty processes in advancing the rule of law, and in this regard reaffirms its support for the annual treaty event organized by the Secretary-General, 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;

10. *Reaffirms* the importance of the registration and publication of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter, takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Review of the regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations",²² submitted pursuant to its resolution 71/148, and stresses that the regulations should be useful and relevant to Member States;

11. *Recalls* the obligation of Member States, under Article 102 of the Charter, to register with the Secretariat every treaty and every international agreement they enter into, and expresses appreciation for the efforts by the Secretariat and by Member States to support activities aimed at ensuring the implementation of this obligation, including capacity-building, publications or technical assistance;

12. *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

²⁰ <http://legal.un.org/repertory>.

²¹ [A/2170](#).

²² [A/72/86](#).

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;

14. *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;

15. *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;

17. *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;

18. *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;

19. *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;

21. *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;

23. *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;

24. *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 March 2015)

29. *Invites* Member States and the Secretary-General to suggest possible subtopics for future Sixth Committee debates, for inclusion in the forthcoming annual report, with a view to assisting the Sixth Committee in choosing future subtopics.

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

Res. [72/120](#), 7 Dec. 2017

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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-third 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 27 April 2018, 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-third session a report based on such information and observations;

27 April 2018
([LA/COD/59/1](#), of 13
December 2017; and
[LA/COD/59/2](#), of 13
December 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;

Effects of armed conflicts on treaties (agenda item 86)

Res. [72/121](#), 7 Dec. 2017

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

2. *Emphasizes* the value of the articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties²³ in providing guidance to States, and invites States to use the articles as a reference whenever appropriate;

Responsibility of international organizations (agenda item 87)

Res. [72/122](#), 7 Dec. 2017

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

2. *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 and international organizations to submit information on their practice in this regard, as well as written comments on any future action

1 February 2020
([LA/COD/43](#) of 8
January 2018)

²³ Resolution [66/99](#), annex.

regarding the articles, and also requests the Secretary-General to submit this material well in advance of its seventy-fifth session;

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (agenda item 109)

Res. [72/123](#), 7 Dec. 2017

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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, as well as the resolutions relating to the first, second, third, fourth and fifth biennial reviews of the Strategy,²⁴ 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;

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;

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

²⁴ Resolutions [62/272](#), [64/297](#), [66/282](#), [68/276](#) and [70/291](#).

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,²⁵ the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation²⁶ 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,²⁷ 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,²⁸ the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism,²⁹ 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

²⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2445, No. 44004.

²⁶ Adopted on 14 October 2005 by the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties (International Maritime Organization, document LEG/CONF.15/21).

²⁷ Adopted on 14 October 2005 by the Diplomatic Conference on the Revision of the SUA Treaties (International Maritime Organization, document LEG/CONF.15/22).

²⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2149, No. 37517.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 2178, No. 38349.

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;

17. *Notes with appreciation* and satisfaction that, consistent with the call contained in paragraphs 14 and 15 of General Assembly resolution 71/151 of 13 December 2016, a number of States became parties to the relevant conventions and protocols referred to therein, thereby realizing the objective of wider acceptance and implementation of those conventions;

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. *Welcomes* the newly established Office of Counter-Terrorism;

22. *Notes* that the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre is performing its duties within the Office of Counter-Terrorism 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 Office;

23. *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;

24. *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;

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December 2017)

25. *Decides* to recommend that the Sixth Committee, at the seventy-third session 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;

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

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (agenda item 166)

Res. [72/124](#), 7 Dec. 2017

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

3. *Recalls* the privileges and immunities applicable to the premises of the permanent missions to the United Nations enjoyed under international law, in particular the instruments listed in paragraph 89 (a) of the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, and the obligations of the host country to observe such privileges and immunities, takes note of the alleged violations thereof by the host country and of the concerns expressed thereon and urges the host country to address such alleged violations and to remove any restrictions inconsistent with those privileges and immunities applied to the premises of a Permanent Mission, and in that regard ensure respect for such privileges and immunities, and remains seized of these matters and anticipates that these issues shall be duly addressed in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

4. *Notes* the problems experienced by some permanent missions to the United Nations in connection with the implementation of the Parking Programme for Diplomatic Vehicles,³⁰ 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;

5. *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;

6. *Recalls* article IV of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, and notes the concerns expressed by some delegations concerning the denial and delay of entry visas to representatives of Member States;

7. *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;

8. *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

³⁰ [A/AC.154/355](#), annex.

invites the host country to inform the Committee, as appropriate, of efforts to address such difficulties;

9. *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;

10. *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;

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

13. *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;

2. Extracts from General Assembly resolutions adopted at prior sessions

Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts (71st session, 2016 agenda item 74)

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

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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

1 February 2019
([LA/COD/26](#), of
8 January 2018)

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];

1 February 2019
([LA/COD/26](#), of
8 January 2018)

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-eighth session (71st session, 2016, agenda item 78)

Protection of persons in the event of disasters

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

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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,² and invites Governments to submit comments concerning the recommendation by the Commission to elaborate a convention on the basis of these articles;³

1 June 2018
([LA/COD/57](#) of 21
December 2017)

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”.

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

³ *Ibid.*, para. 46.

Diplomatic protection (71st session, 2016, agenda item 79)

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

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

1. *Commends once again* the articles on diplomatic protection³ 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;¹

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.

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

³ Resolution [62/67](#), annex.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (71st session, 2016, agenda item 81)

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

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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 5
March 2018; and
[LA/COD/2/2](#), of 5 March
2018)

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (71st session, 2016, agenda item 82)

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

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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,² serious violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well

18 May 2018
([LA/COD/4](#), of 9 March
2018)

as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations;

(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;

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 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;

18 May 2018
([LA/COD/4](#), of 9 March 2018)

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (50th 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 2018
([LA/COD/11/1](#), of 13 December 2017;
[LA/COD/11/2](#), of 13 December 2017; and
[LA/COD/11/3](#), of 13 December 2017)

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (49th 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 2018
([LA/COD/11/1](#), of 13 December 2017;
[LA/COD/11/2](#), of 13 December 2017; and
[LA/COD/11/3](#), of 13 December 2017)

United Nations Juridical Yearbook (17th 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 2018
([LA/COD/10](#), of 23
January 2018)

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 1 May 2018

<i>Deadline (Note Verbale No.)</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>G.A. Res.</i>	<i>Request</i>
[Ongoing request] (EOSG/ROL/2014/1, 10 Sep 2014)	The rule of law at the national and international levels	72/119 , of 7 December 2017	Member States that have made pledges under para. 2 of GA Resolution 72/119 are invited to voluntarily report on the implementation of their pledges. Responses are accepted on an ongoing basis.
[Ongoing request] (EOSG/ROL/NV/2015/1, 4 Mar 2015)	The rule of law at the national and international levels	72/119 , of 7 December 2017	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 (https://www.un.org/ruleoflaw/national-practices/) and to express their willingness to present and discuss their best national practices in an open meeting. Responses are accepted on an ongoing basis.
27 April 2018 (LA/COD/59/1 , of 13 December 2017; and LA/COD/59/2 , of 13 December 2017)	The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction	72/120 , of 7 December 2017	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-third session of the General Assembly (2018).
27 April 2018 (LA/COD/59/2 , of 13 December 2017)	The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction	72/120 , of 7 December 2017	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-third session of the General Assembly (2018).
18 May 2018 (LA/COD/4 , of 9 March 2018)	Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic missions and representatives	71/145 , 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.
18 May 2018 (LA/COD/4 , of 9 March 2018)	Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic missions and representatives	71/145 , 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.
18 May 2018 (LA/COD/4 , of 9 March 2018)	Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic missions and representatives	71/145 , 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.
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/50/1 , of 13 December 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	72/112 , of 7 Dec. 2017	Member States are invited to submit further comments on the report of the Group of Legal Experts, including on the question of future action.
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/50/1 , of 13 December 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	72/112 , of 7 Dec. 2017	States against whose nationals (United Nations officials or experts on mission) credible allegations that reveal that a crime may have been committed are made 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.
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/50/1 , of 13 December 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	72/112 , of 7 Dec. 2017	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.
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/50/1 , of 13 December 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	72/112 , of 7 Dec. 2017	Governments are urged to provide specific details on the measures taken for the implementation of resolutions 62/63 , 63/119 , 64/110 , 65/20 , 66/93 , 67/88 , 68/105 , 69/114 , 70/114 and 71/134 , 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.
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/50/1 , of 13 December 2017)	Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	72/112 , of 7 Dec. 2017	Governments are requested to provide specific details on the measures taken, as necessary, for the implementation of resolutions 62/63 , 63/119 , 64/110 , 65/20 , 66/93 , 67/88 , 68/105 and 69/114 .
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/11/1 , of 13 December 2017)	Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism	49/60 of 9 December 1994 and 50/53 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-third session of the General Assembly (2018).
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/11/2 , of 13 December 2017)	Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism	49/60 of 9 December 1994 and 50/53 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-third session of the General Assembly (2018).
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/11/3 , of 13 December 2017)	Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism	49/60 of 9 December 1994, 50/53 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
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/10 , of 23 January 2018)	United Nations Juridical Yearbook	1814(XVII) of 18 December 1962 and 3006(XXVII) of 18 December 1972.	Governments are requested to provide the text of any domestic laws or regulations enacted in 2017 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 2017 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.
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/10 , of 23 January 2018)	United Nations Juridical Yearbook	1814(XVII) of 18 December 1962 and 3006(XXVII) of 18 December 1972.	United Nations specialised agencies and other related organizations are invited to provide information of new developments in 2017, 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
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/10 , of 23 January 2018)	United Nations Juridical Yearbook	1814(XVII) of 18 December 1962 and 3006(XXVII) 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 2017.
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/57 of 21 December 2017)	Protection of persons in the event of disasters	71/141 , of 13 December 2016	States are invited to submit comments concerning the recommendation of the Commission to elaborate a convention on the basis of the draft articles.
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/2/1 , of 5 March 2018)	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts	71/144 , 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.
1 June 2018 (LA/COD/2/2 , of 5 March 2018)	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts	71/144 , 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.
1 Feb 2019 (LA/COD/26 , of 8 January 2018)	Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts	71/133 , 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.
1 Feb 2019 (LA/COD/26 , of 8 January 2018)	Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts	71/133 , 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.
1 June 2019 (LA/COD/38 , of 16 January 2017)	Diplomatic protection	71/142 , 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.
1 Feb 2020 (LA/COD/43 , of 8 January 2018)	Responsibility of international organizations	72/122 of 7 December 2017	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-fifth session of the General Assembly (2020), and to be considered at the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly (2020).

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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