

Introduction of Draft Resolution on Provisional application of treaties
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Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

First of all, allow me to thank you for leading a new session of the Sixth Committee without major setbacks. I would also like to thank my colleagues in the Secretariat for making the work of the coordinators easier.

On behalf of the Bureau, I have the honor to introduce the text of the draft resolution entitled “Provisional application of treaties”, contained in document A/C.6/76/L.13.

I would like to thank delegates for conducting cordial informal discussions and reaching a text that recognizes the work of the ILC and the Special Rapporteur, while taking into account the interests and concerns of all States in a balanced manner.

In particular, the draft resolution in its preambular paragraphs starts from the consideration of Chapter V of the ILC report, which contains the Guide to the Provisional Application of Treaties, and takes note of the Commission's recommendation in this regard. Subsequently, Preambular Paragraphs 3 and 4 underline the continuing importance of the codification and progressive development of international law, noting that the topic of provisional application of treaties is of great importance in international relations. Finally, PP5 stresses the essentially voluntary and optional nature of the provisional application of treaties.

For its part, in the operative paragraphs the text reflects the following:

- OP1 welcomes the conclusion of the ILC's work on this topic and the adoption of both the draft guidelines and the draft annex, constituting the Guide to the Provisional Application of Treaties, as well as the commentaries thereto;
- Paragraph 2, in turn, expresses its appreciation to the ILC for its continuing contribution to the codification and progressive development of international law;
- OP3 takes note of the views and comments expressed in the debates of this Committee on the subject, including those made at the current session of the General Assembly, after the International Law Commission completed its consideration of the topic;
- OP4 also takes note of the Guide to the Provisional Application of Treaties, including the guidelines, the text of which is annexed to the resolution, draws the attention of States and international organizations to the Guide, and encourages its widest possible dissemination.
- Finally, OP5 requests the Secretary-General to prepare a volume of the United Nations Legislative Series compiling the practice of States and international organizations in the field of provisional application of treaties, as provided over the years, together with other relevant materials.

Based on the foregoing and in light of the discussions held, I hope that this draft resolution can now be adopted by consensus.

Once again thanks to all the delegates and the Secretariat for making my work easy and congratulations to all for bringing the ILC's work on this topic to a successful conclusion.