

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:

The following informal compilation reproduces operative paragraphs from General Assembly resolutions adopted at the seventieth [2015] and prior sessions, in which action to be undertaken in 2016 by States, international organizations, the Secretariat or subsidiary bodies, such as the International Law Commission, is anticipated. Where necessary, the compilation also includes extracts of operative paragraphs to be read together with those paragraphs calling for action.

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Annex I contains a calendar of deadlines for the submission of information to the Secretariat. Annex II provides some guidelines for the submission of information to the Secretariat.

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1. Extracts from General Assembly resolutions adopted at the 70th session

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission (agenda item 80)

Res. [70/114](#), 14 Dec. 15

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3. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Secretary-General to refer credible allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse to the Member State of the United Nations officials or experts on mission for appropriate action;

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

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that his zero-tolerance policy for criminal activities, such as sexual exploitation and abuse and corruption, is made known to all United Nations officials and experts on mission at all levels, especially those in managerial positions;

6. *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;

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

([LA/COD/50/1](#), of 31 December 2015)

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

([LA/COD/50/1](#), of 31 December 2015)

9. *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;

10. *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;

11. *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;

12. *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,⁶ in particular its legal aspects, taking into account the views of Member States and also noting the inputs by the Secretariat, shall be continued during its seventy-third session in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee, and, for that purpose, invites further comments from Member States on that report, including on the question of future action;

13. *Takes note* of the briefing by the Secretariat during the seventieth session, and decides to organize another briefing at the seventy-first session with a view to furthering discussion on measures that could be taken to help ensure the accountability of United Nations

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officials and experts on mission and prevent future crimes;

14. *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;

15. *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 16 below, on the status of their efforts to investigate and, as appropriate, prosecute crimes of a serious nature, as well as the types of appropriate assistance that States may wish to receive from the Secretariat for the purposes of such investigations and prosecutions;

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16. *Urges* States to provide to the Secretary-General periodic updates on their handling of the credible allegations brought to their attention by the Secretary-General in accordance with paragraph 15 above, in particular informing the Secretary-General of whether any disciplinary or criminal proceedings have been brought and of the outcome of any such proceedings or the reasons for not initiating them, provided that this would not be contrary to national laws or prejudice national investigations or national proceedings;

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

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

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

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

21. *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](#), and [69/114](#), and urges Governments to

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continue taking the measures necessary for the implementation of those resolutions, including their provisions addressing the establishment of jurisdiction over crimes, particularly those of a serious nature, as known in their existing national criminal laws, committed by their nationals while serving as United Nations officials or experts on mission, as well as cooperation among States, and to provide specific details thereon, in particular with respect to paragraph 7 above, in the information provided to the Secretary-General;

22. *Recalls its request* in resolution [69/114](#) for Governments to provide specific details on the measures taken, as necessary, for the implementation of its resolutions [62/63](#), [63/119](#), [64/110](#), [65/20](#), [66/93](#), [67/88](#) and [68/105](#), and notes that, in response to those resolutions, 97 submissions were received from 55 Member States between 6 December 2007 and 19 October 2015;

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23. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this regard, to prepare a compilation, based on information which should be received from all Member States, of national provisions 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;

24. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session on the implementation of the present resolution, in particular with respect to paragraphs 7, 9, 12, 15 and 16 above, as well as any practical problems in its implementation, on the basis of information received from Governments and the Secretariat;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve reporting methods and expand the scope of reporting, by providing information on instances where credible allegations have been referred pursuant to paragraph 15 above, as well as information received pursuant to paragraph 16 on all referrals since 1 July 2007, which information would be limited to the United Nations entity involved, the year of referral, 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 rights of those subject to the allegations;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session [2016] the item entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission".

⁶ [A/60/980](#).

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-seventh session (agenda item 81)

Res. [70/115](#), 14 Dec. 15

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

2. *Notes with approval* the view of the Commission that the repository of published information under the Rules on Transparency in

Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration² should be fully operational as soon as possible, as the repository constituted a central feature both of the Rules on Transparency and of the United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration (Mauritius Convention on Transparency)³ by providing a consolidated, transparent and easily accessible global case record database for all investor-State arbitrations conducted pursuant to the Rules on Transparency and the Convention, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to establish and operate through the secretariat of the Commission the repository of published information under the Rules on Transparency, in accordance with article 8 of the Rules, initially as a pilot project until the end of 2016, to be funded entirely by voluntary contributions;

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

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and
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([CU 2016/113](#))

4. *Notes with appreciation* the projects of the Commission aimed at promoting the uniform and effective application of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention), done at New York on 10 June 1958,⁴ including the preparation of a guide entitled “UNCITRAL Secretariat Guide on the New York Convention”, in close cooperation with international experts;⁵

5. *Endorses* the efforts and initiatives of the Commission, as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of international trade law, aimed at increasing coordination of and cooperation on legal activities of international and regional organizations active in the field of international trade law and at promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels in this field, and in this regard appeals to relevant international and regional organizations to coordinate their legal activities with those of the Commission, to avoid duplication of efforts and to promote efficiency, consistency and coherence in the modernization and harmonization of international trade law;

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

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

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

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

(d) Reiterates its appeal to the United Nations Development Programme and other bodies responsible for development assistance, such as the World Bank and regional development banks, as well as to Governments in their bilateral aid programmes, to support the technical cooperation and assistance programme of the Commission and to cooperate with the Commission and coordinate their activities with those of the Commission in the light of the relevance and importance of the work and programmes of the Commission for the promotion of the rule of law at the national and international levels and for the implementation of the international development agenda, including the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;⁶

(e) Recalls its resolutions stressing the need to strengthen support to Member States, upon their request, in the domestic implementation of their respective international obligations through enhanced technical assistance and capacity-building, welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure greater coordination and coherence among United Nations entities and with donors and recipients, and takes note of the ongoing discussion in the Commission of ways to strengthen support to Member States, upon their request, in the implementation of sound commercial law reforms;

7. *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,⁷ requests the Secretariat to issue, prior to meetings of the Commission and of its working groups, a reminder of those rules of procedure and methods of work with a view to ensuring the high quality of the work of the Commission and encouraging the assessment of its instruments, and in this regard recalls its previous resolutions related to this matter;

8. *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 reaching out and providing technical assistance with international trade law reforms to developing countries in the region, notes with satisfaction expressions of interest from other States in hosting regional centres of the Commission, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of developments regarding the establishment of regional centres, in particular their funding and budgetary situation;⁸

9. *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;

10. *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 seventieth 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;

11. *Endorses* the conviction of the Commission that the implementation and effective use of modern private law standards in international trade are essential for advancing good governance, sustained economic development and the eradication of poverty and hunger and that the promotion of the rule of law in commercial relations should be an integral part of the broader agenda of the United Nations to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels, including through the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group, supported by the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General;

12. *Notes* the rule of law panel discussion held at the forty-eighth session of the Commission and the comments transmitted by the Commission highlighting its role in promoting the rule of law, in particular the role of the multilateral treaty processes of the Commission in promoting and advancing the rule of law in the field of international trade law,⁹ pursuant to paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution [69/123](#) of 10 December 2014;

13. *Notes with satisfaction* that, in paragraph 8 of the declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the rule of law at the national and international levels, adopted by consensus as resolution [67/1](#) of 24 September 2012, Member States recognized the importance of fair, stable and predictable legal frameworks for generating inclusive, sustainable and equitable development, economic growth and employment, generating investment and facilitating entrepreneurship and, in this regard, commended the work of the Commission in modernizing and harmonizing international trade law and that, in paragraph 7 of the declaration, Member States expressed their conviction that the rule of law and development were strongly interrelated and mutually reinforcing;

14. *Also notes with satisfaction* that, in paragraph 89 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, adopted by the General Assembly by consensus as resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015, States endorsed the efforts and initiatives of the Commission, as the core legal body within the United Nations system in the field of international trade law, aimed at increasing coordination of and cooperation on legal activities of international and regional organizations active in the field of international trade law and at promoting the rule of law at the national and international levels in this field;

15. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General, in conformity with resolutions of the General Assembly on documentation-related matters,¹⁰ which, in particular, emphasize that any invitation to limit, where appropriate, the length of documents should not adversely affect either the quality of the presentation or the substance of the documents,

to bear in mind the particular characteristics of the mandate and functions of the Commission in the progressive development and codification of international trade law when implementing page limits with respect to the documentation of the Commission;¹¹

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the publication of Commission standards and the provision of summary records of the meetings of the Commission, including committees of the whole established by the Commission for the duration of its annual session, relating to the formulation of normative texts, and takes note of the Commission's decision to continue the trial use of digital recordings, in parallel with summary records where applicable, with a view to assessing the experience of using digital recordings and, on the basis of that assessment, taking a decision at a future session regarding the possible replacement of summary records by digital recordings;¹²

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

18. *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;

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

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

21. *Recalls* its resolutions affirming the importance of high-quality, user-friendly and cost-effective United Nations websites and the need for their multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment,¹³ commends the fact that the website of the Commission is published in the six official languages of the United Nations, and welcomes the continuous

efforts of the Commission to maintain and improve its website, including by developing new social media features, in accordance with the applicable guidelines.¹⁴

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/68/17)*, annex I.

³ Resolution [69/116](#), annex.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 330, No. 4739.

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/68/17)*, chap. III, sect. E; and *ibid.*, *Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/69/17)*, para. 117.

⁶ Resolution 70/1.

⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/65/17)*.

⁸ *Ibid.*, *Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/68/17)*, chap. XIII.

⁹ *Ibid.*, *Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/70/17)*, chap. XV.

¹⁰ Resolutions [52/214](#), sect. B, [57/283 B](#), sect. III, and [58/250](#), sect. III.

¹¹ 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.

¹² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 17 (A/69/17)*, para. 276.

¹³ Resolutions [52/214](#), sect. C, para. 3; [55/222](#), sect. III, para. 12; [56/64 B](#), sect. X; [57/130 B](#), sect. X; [58/101 B](#), sect. V, paras. 61–76; [59/126 B](#), sect. V, paras. 76–95; [60/109 B](#), sect. IV, paras. 66–80; and [61/121 B](#), sect. IV, paras. 65–77.

¹⁴ Resolution [63/120](#), para. 20.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (agenda item 82)

Res. [70/116](#), 14 Dec. 15

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

1. *Approves* the guidelines and recommendations contained in section III of the report of the Secretary-General,¹ 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 2016 and in 2017;

3. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to carry out the following activities, to be financed from provisions in the regular budget² pursuant to resolution 69/117 of 10 December 2014 as well as, when necessary, from voluntary contributions:

(a) The International Law Fellowship Programme in 2016 and in 2017, with a minimum of 20 fellowships financed from provisions in the regular budget as well as 1 additional self-funded participant;

(b) The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2016 and in 2017, with a minimum of 20 fellowships for each course financed from provisions in the regular budget as well as self-funded participants and additional fellowships financed from voluntary contributions;

(c) The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law, with its continuation and further development financed from provisions in the regular budget as well as, when necessary, from

voluntary contributions;

4. *Further authorizes* the Secretary-General to award a minimum of one scholarship in 2016 and one in 2017 under the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, taking note of paragraph 8 of resolution [69/117](#);

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the activities conducted under the Programme of Assistance and, in particular, for the efforts to strengthen, expand and enhance the international law training and dissemination activities within the framework of the Programme of Assistance in 2015;

6. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the continuation and further development of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law as a major contribution to the teaching and dissemination of international law around the world;

7. *Recognizes* the importance of the United Nations legal publications prepared by the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, and once again requests the Secretary-General to issue the publications referred to in his report in various formats, including hard copy publications, which are essential for developing countries;

8. *Appreciates* the efforts that were undertaken by the Office of Legal Affairs to bring up to date the United Nations legal publications, in particular by the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs for its desktop publishing initiative from 2003 to 2013 which greatly enhanced the timely issuance of its legal publications and made possible the preparation of legal training materials, regrets that none of the publications referred to in the report of the Secretary-General have been issued since 2014, when desktop publishing was discontinued owing to lack of resources, and recommends that the necessary resources be made available to resume this successful initiative;

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

10. *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 a handbook on international law;

13. *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;

18. *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;

19. *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;

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20. *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;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session on the implementation of the Programme of Assistance in 2016 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, to submit recommendations regarding the Programme in subsequent years;

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

¹ [A/70/423](#)

² See [A/70/6 \(Sect. 8\)](#) and Corr.1, para. 8.61.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (agenda item 83)

Res. [70/236](#), 23 Dec. 15

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

3. *Takes note* of the final report on the topic "The Most-Favoured-Nation clause" contained in the annex to the report of the International Law Commission, and encourages its widest possible dissemination;

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

5. *Draws the attention* of Governments to the importance for the International Law Commission of having their views by 31 January 2016 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:

31 January 2016

- (a) Protection of the atmosphere;
- (b) Identification of customary international law;
- (c) Crimes against humanity;
- (d) Subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in

relation to the interpretation of treaties;

(e) Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts;

(f) Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction;

(g) Provisional application of treaties;

(h) *Jus cogens*;

6. *Also draws* the attention of Governments to the importance for the International Law Commission of having their comments and observations by 1 January 2016 on the draft articles on the topic "Protection of persons in the event of disasters", adopted on first reading by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session;³

1 January 2016
([LA/COD/57](#), 26 Nov 14)

7. *Takes note* of the decision of the International Law Commission to include the topic "*Jus cogens*" in its programme of work,⁴ and encourages the Commission to continue the examination of the topics that are in its long-term programme of work;

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

9. *Notes* that the International Law Commission, in view of General Assembly resolution [69/118](#) of 10 December 2014, considered the feasibility of holding part of its sixty-eighth session in New York on the basis of information provided by the Secretariat regarding estimated costs and relevant administrative, organizational and other factors, including its anticipated workload in the final year of the present quinquennium and, having regard to all the factors at its disposal, concluded that it would not be feasible for it to hold part of its sixty-eighth session in New York without causing undue disruptions;

10. *Also notes* that the International Law Commission nevertheless affirmed its wish that consideration be given to the possibility of holding one half session in the next quinquennium in New York and indicated that, taking into account the estimated costs and relevant administrative, organizational and other factors, such a possibility could be anticipated during the first segment of a session in either the first year (2017) or the second year (2018) of the next quinquennium;

11. *Takes note* of the recommendation made by the International Law Commission in paragraph 298 of its report that preparatory work and estimates proceed on the assumption that the first segment of its seventieth session (2018) would be convened at United Nations Headquarters in New York, and takes note also of the request of the Commission that the Secretariat proceed to make the necessary arrangements for that purpose so as to facilitate the taking of the appropriate decision by the Commission at its sixty-eighth session, in 2016;

12. *Decides*, without prejudice to the output of those deliberations, to revert to the consideration of any recommendation by the International Law Commission in this regard during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly;

13. *Takes note* of paragraph 299 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;
14. *Welcomes* the efforts of the International Law Commission to improve its methods of work,⁵ and encourages the Commission to continue this practice;
15. *Invites* the International Law Commission to continue to take measures to enhance its efficiency and productivity and to consider making proposals to Member States to that end;
16. *Encourages* the International Law Commission to continue to take cost-saving measures at its future sessions, without prejudice to the efficiency and effectiveness of its work;
17. *Takes note* of paragraph 309 of the report of the International Law Commission, and decides that the next session of the Commission shall be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2 May to 10 June and from 4 July to 12 August 2016;
18. *Stresses* the desirability of further enhancing the dialogue between the International Law Commission and the Sixth Committee at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, and in this context encourages, inter alia, the continued practice of informal consultations in the form of discussions between the members of the Sixth Committee and the members of the Commission attending the seventy-first session of the Assembly;
19. *Encourages* delegations, during the debate on the report of the International Law Commission, to continue to adhere as far as possible to the structured work programme agreed to by the Sixth Committee and to consider presenting concise and focused statements;
20. *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;
21. *Requests* the International Law Commission to continue to pay special attention to indicating in its annual report, for each topic, any specific issues on which expressions of views by Governments, either in the Sixth Committee or in written form, would be of particular interest in providing effective guidance for the Commission in its further work;
22. *Takes note* of paragraphs 311 to 317 of the report of the International Law Commission with regard to cooperation and interaction with other bodies, and encourages the Commission to continue the implementation of articles 16 (e), 25 and 26 of its statute in order to further strengthen cooperation between the Commission and other bodies concerned with international law, having in mind the usefulness of such cooperation;
23. *Notes* that consulting with national organizations and individual experts concerned with international law may assist Governments in considering whether to make comments and observations on drafts

submitted by the International Law Commission and in formulating their comments and observations;

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

25. *Also reaffirms* its previous decisions concerning the documentation and summary records of the International Law Commission;⁶

26. *Welcomes* the institutionalization of the practice of the Secretariat to include the provisional summary records on the website relating to the work of the International Law Commission;

27. *Takes note* of paragraph 300 of the report of the International Law Commission, underlines the importance of the publications of the Codification Division to the work of the Commission, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General continue to publish the *Work of the International Law Commission* in all six official languages at the beginning of each quinquennium, the *Reports of International Arbitral Awards* in English or French and the *Summaries of the Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders of the International Court of Justice* in all six official languages every five years;

28. *Stresses* the need to expedite the preparation of the summary records of the International Law Commission, and welcomes the continuation of the experimental measures taken to streamline the processing of summary records during the sixty-fifth session of the Commission,⁷ which have led to a more rational use of resources, and expresses its satisfaction that the summary records of the Commission, constituting *travaux préparatoires* in the progressive development and codification of international law, will not be subject to arbitrary length restrictions;

29. *Takes note* of paragraph 304 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;

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

([LA/COD/52](#), 12 January 2016)

31. *Takes note* of paragraph 305 of the report of the International Law Commission, expresses its satisfaction with the remarkable progress achieved in the past few years in reducing the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission* in all six languages, and welcomes the efforts made by the Division of Conference Management of the United Nations Office at Geneva, especially its Editing Section, in effectively implementing relevant resolutions of the General Assembly calling for the reduction of the backlog;

32. *Encourages* the Division of Conference Management to provide continuous necessary support to the Editing Section in advancing the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, and requests that updates

on progress made in this respect be provided to the Commission on a regular basis;

33. *Welcomes* the continuous efforts of the Codification Division to maintain and improve the website relating to the work of the International Law Commission, expresses its appreciation to the Division for the establishment of a new website for the Commission, and encourages it to continue updating and managing the website;

34. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the Codification Division for the successful completion of the digitization and posting on the website of the entire collection of the documents of the Commission in Russian, and encourages the Division to continue to pursue its efforts with respect to documents in the remaining official languages;

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

36. *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;

37. *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 seventieth 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;

38. *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;

39. *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;

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

issues on which responses are required;

41. *Recommends* that the debate on the report of the International Law Commission at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly commence on 24 October 2016.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/69/10)*, para. 53.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/70/10)*, para. 268.

⁵ *Ibid.*, *Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/66/10)*, paras. 370–388.

⁶ See resolutions [32/151](#), para. 10, and [37/111](#), para. 5, and all subsequent resolutions on the annual reports of the International Law Commission to the General Assembly.

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/68/10)*, para. 183.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (agenda item 84)

Res. [70/117](#), 14 Dec. 15

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

2. *Decides* that the Special Committee shall hold its next session from 16 to 24 February 2016;

[\(LA/COD/14,](#)
18 Dec 2015)

3. *Requests* the Special Committee, at its session in 2016, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution [50/52](#) of 11 December 1995:

(a) To continue its consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations and, in this context, to consider other proposals relating to the maintenance of international peace and security already submitted or which may be submitted to the Special Committee at its session in 2016, including strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations or arrangements in the peaceful settlement of disputes;

(b) To continue to consider, in an appropriate, substantive manner and framework, including the frequency of its consideration, the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter based on all of the related reports of the Secretary-General⁷ and the proposals submitted on the question;

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

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

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

4. *Invites* the Special Committee, at its session in 2016, to continue

to identify new subjects for consideration in its future work with a view to contributing to the revitalization of the work of the United Nations;

5. *Recalls* the consideration by the Special Committee of the proposal to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations, and welcomes the activities performed in this regard;

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

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

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

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

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

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

([LA/COD/46](#),
29 Dec 2015)

12. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts towards updating the two publications and making them available electronically in all their respective language versions;

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

14. *Reiterates* the responsibility of the Secretary-General for the quality of the *Repertory* and the *Repertoire*, and with regard to the *Repertoire* calls upon the Secretary-General to continue to follow the

modalities outlined in paragraphs 102 to 106 of his report dated 18 September 1952;⁸

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

16. *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;⁹

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

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

⁷ [A/48/573-S/26705](#), [A/49/356](#), [A/50/60-S/1995/1](#), [A/50/361](#), [A/50/423](#), [A/51/317](#), [A/52/308](#), [A/53/312](#), [A/54/383](#) and [Add.1, A/55/295](#) and [Add.1, A/56/303](#), [A/57/165](#) and [Add.1, A/58/346](#), [A/59/334](#), [A/60/320](#), [A/61/304](#), [A/62/206](#) and [Corr.1, A/63/224](#), [A/64/225](#), [A/65/217](#), [A/66/213](#), [A/67/190](#), [A/68/226](#), [A/69/119](#) and [A/70/119](#).

⁸ [A/2170](#).

⁹ [A/70/119](#).

The rule of law at the national and international levels (agenda item 85)

Res. [70/118](#), 14 Dec. 15

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. *Welcomes* the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;⁵

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

(a) Reaffirms its support for the annual treaty event organized by the Secretary-General, which provides an opportunity for States to increase their participation in the multilateral treaty framework;

(b) Recognizes the importance of the registration and publication of treaties in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter, and invites the Secretary-General to review the regulations giving effect to that article,⁶ taking into account recent developments, and to submit the result of that review to the Sixth Committee for consideration at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly;

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

(d) Recognizes the importance of the legal publications prepared by the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, emphasizes the need for those publications, particularly the *Summary of Practice of the Secretary-General as Depositary of Multilateral Treaties*, to be updated, taking into account new developments and practices, and invites the Secretary-General to include, as appropriate, brief information on such developments and practices in the next annual report;

(e) Welcomes the organization of workshops on treaty law and practice by the Treaty Section, 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;

9. *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;

10. *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;

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

12. *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;

13. *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;

14. *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;

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

16. *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

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

18. *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 in strengthening the rule of law through access to justice, including with regard to birth registration and legal aid, where appropriate, in both criminal and civil proceedings, and in this regard stresses the need to intensify the assistance extended to Governments upon their request;

19. *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

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

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;

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

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

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

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled “The rule of law at the national and international levels”, and invites Member States to focus their comments during the upcoming Sixth Committee debate on the subtopics “Sharing national practices of States in the implementation of multilateral treaties” and “Practical measures to facilitate access to justice for all, including for the poorest and most vulnerable”.

² Resolution [67/1](#).

³ [A/68/213/Add.1](#).

⁵ Resolution [70/1](#).

⁶ Resolutions [97 \(I\)](#) of 14 December 1946, 364 B (IV) of 1 December 1949, [482 \(V\)](#) of 12 December 1950, [33/141](#) A of 19 December 1978 and [52/153](#) of 15 December 1997.

The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction (agenda item 86)

Res. [70/119](#), 14 Dec. 15

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

2. *Decides* that the Sixth Committee shall continue its consideration of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, without prejudice to the consideration of this topic and related issues in other forums of the United Nations, and for this purpose decides to establish, at its seventy-first 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 29 April 2016, 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-first session a report based on such information and observations;

29 April 2016
([LA/COD/59/1](#), 18 Dec 2015; and
[LA/COD/59/2](#), 18 Dec 2015)

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

5. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-

first session the item entitled “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction”.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (agenda item 108)

Res. [70/120](#), 14 Dec. 2015

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

2. *Calls upon* all Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to implement the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy,¹ as well as the resolutions relating to the first, second, third and fourth biennial reviews of the Strategy,¹⁰ 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 fifth biennial review, in 2016, and in this regard recalls its invitation to the Secretary-General to contribute to the future deliberations of the Assembly, and requests the Secretary-General when doing so to provide information on relevant activities within the Secretariat to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system;

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

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

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

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

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

9. *Expresses grave concern* over the acute and growing threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters, namely, individuals who travel to a State other than their States of residence or nationality for the purpose of the perpetration, planning or preparation of, or participation in, terrorist acts or providing or receiving terrorist training, including in connection

with armed conflict, emphasizes the need for States to address this issue, including through the implementation of their international obligations, and underlines the importance of United Nations capacity-building and facilitation of capacity-building in accordance with existing mandates to assist States, including those in the most affected regions, upon their request;

10. *Emphasizes* the need for States to cooperate resolutely against international terrorism by taking speedy and effective measures to eliminate this scourge, and in this regard calls upon all States, in accordance with their obligations under applicable international law and the Charter, to deny safe haven and bring to justice or, where appropriate, extradite, on the basis of the principle of extradite or prosecute, the perpetrators of terrorist acts or any person who supports, facilitates or participates or attempts to participate in the financing, planning or preparation of terrorist acts;

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

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

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

14. *Recalls* the adoption of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism,¹¹ the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material,¹² the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation¹³ 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,¹⁴ 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,¹⁵ the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism,¹⁶ the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, and calls upon all States to enact, as appropriate, the national legislation necessary to implement the provisions of those conventions and protocols, to ensure that the jurisdiction of their courts enables them to bring to trial the perpetrators of terrorist acts and to cooperate with and provide support and assistance to other States and relevant international, regional and

subregional organizations to that end;

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

18. *Reaffirms* the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution [49/60](#), and the Declaration to Supplement the 1994 Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, contained in the annex to Assembly resolution [51/210](#), and calls upon all States to implement them;

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

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

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

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

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

24. *Decides* to recommend that the Sixth Committee, at the seventy-first 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;

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

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2016)

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

¹ Resolution [60/288](#).

¹⁰ Resolutions [62/272](#), [64/297](#), [66/282](#) and [68/276](#).

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2445, No. 44004.

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

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

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

¹⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2149, No. 37517.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. 2178, No. 38349.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (agenda item 167)

Res. [70/121](#), 10 Dec. 14

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

1. *Endorses* the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country contained in paragraph 28 of its report;¹

2. *Considers* that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the normal work of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations and the observance of their privileges and immunities, which is an issue of great importance, are in the interest of the United Nations and all Member States, requests the host country to continue to solve, through negotiations, problems that might arise and to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of missions, and urges the host country to continue to take appropriate action, such as training of police, security, customs and border control officers, with a view to maintaining respect for diplomatic privileges and immunities and if violations occur to ensure that such cases are properly investigated and remedied, in accordance with applicable law;

3. *Notes* the problems experienced by some Permanent Missions to the United Nations in connection with the implementation of the Parking Programme for Diplomatic Vehicles,⁴ and notes that the Committee shall remain seized of the matter, with a view to continuing to maintain the proper implementation of the Parking Programme in a manner that is fair, non-discriminatory, effective and therefore consistent with international law;

4. *Requests* the host country to consider removing the remaining travel restrictions imposed by it on staff of certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, and in this regard notes the long-standing positions of affected States, of the Secretary-General and of the host country;

5. *Recalls* article IV of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,³ and notes the concerns expressed by some delegations concerning the denial and delay of entry visas to representatives of Member States;

6. *Notes* that the Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance its efforts to ensure the issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States pursuant to article IV, section 11, of the Headquarters Agreement and in a timely manner, to enable travel to

New York on United Nations business and that the Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance efforts, including visa issuance, to facilitate the participation of representatives of Member States in other United Nations meetings, as appropriate;

7. *Also notes* that a number of delegations have requested shortening the time frame applied by the host country for issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States since the time frame poses difficulties for the full-fledged participation of Member States in United Nations meetings, and invites the host country to inform the Committee, as appropriate, of efforts to address such difficulties;

8. *Notes with concern* the difficulties experienced by some Permanent Missions to the United Nations in obtaining suitable banking services, and welcomes the continued efforts of the host country to facilitate the opening of bank accounts for those Permanent Missions;

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

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

11. *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

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

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled “Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country”.

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 26 (A/70/26).*

² Resolution 22 A (I).

³ See resolution [169 \(III\)](#).

⁴ [A/AC.154/355](#), annex.

Observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly (agenda item 168)

Dec. 70/523, 14 Dec. 15

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Cooperation Council of Turkic-speaking States in the General Assembly¹³ to the seventy-first session of the Assembly;

¹³ See [A/66/141](#).

Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly (agenda item 169)

Dec. 70/524, 14 Dec. 15

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Eurasian Economic Union in the General Assembly¹ to the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

¹ See [A/70/141](#).

Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly (agenda item 170)

Dec. 70/525, 14 Dec. 15

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly¹ to the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

¹ See [A/70/142](#).

Observer status for the for the International Civil Defence Organization in the General Assembly (agenda item 171)

Res. [70/122](#), 14 Dec. 15

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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

Observer status for the for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly (agenda item 172)

Res. [70/123](#), 14 Dec. 15

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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

Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly (agenda item 173)

Dec. 70/526, 14 Dec. 15

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly¹ to the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

¹ See [A/70/194](#).

Observer status for the for the Union of the Mediterranean in the General Assembly (agenda item 174)

Res. [70/124](#), 14 Dec. 15

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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

2. Extracts from General Assembly resolutions adopted at prior sessions

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-sixth session (69th session, 2014, agenda item 78)

Expulsion of aliens

Res. [69/119](#), 10 Dec. 14

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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

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

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (69th session, 2014, agenda item 79)

Res. [69/120](#), 10 Dec. 14

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

2. *Calls upon* all States parties to the Geneva Conventions that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the Additional Protocols³ at the earliest possible date;
3. *Calls upon* all States that are already parties to Protocol I,⁴ or those States not parties, on becoming parties to Protocol I, to make the declaration provided for under article 90 of that Protocol and to consider making use, where appropriate, of the services of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission in accordance with the provisions of article 90 of Protocol I;
4. *Calls upon* all States that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and the two Protocols thereto⁹ and to other relevant treaties on international humanitarian law relating to the protection of victims of armed conflict;
5. *Calls upon* States to consider becoming parties to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict;¹⁰
6. *Calls upon* all States parties to the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions to ensure their wide dissemination and full implementation;
7. *Affirms* the necessity of making the implementation of international humanitarian law more effective, and supports its further strengthening and development;
10. *Recognizes*, taking into account questions raised by States during the preparation for the Thirty-first International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and during the debates at the Conference, the importance of exploring ways to enhance and ensure the effectiveness of mechanisms of compliance with international humanitarian law, with a view to strengthening legal protection for all victims of armed conflict, and in this regard welcomes the launch of the initiative by Switzerland, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross, on strengthening compliance with international humanitarian law;
11. *Calls upon* Member States to actively participate in the Thirty-second International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, to be held in Geneva in 2015;
12. *Welcomes* the activities of the Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law of the International Committee of the Red Cross in supporting efforts made by Member States to take legislative and administrative action to implement international humanitarian law and in promoting the exchange of information on those efforts between Governments, and reminds Member States of the availability of the manual on domestic implementation of international humanitarian law;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session a 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 2016 ([LA/COD/2](#),
of 21 Jan 2015)

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

16. *Encourages* Member States to explore ways of facilitating the submission of information for future reports of the Secretary-General and, in this context, to consider the convenience of using a questionnaire as drafted by Member States, with the assistance of the International Committee of the Red Cross and, as appropriate, in consultation with the Secretariat, for submission to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session [2016] the item entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts".

³ [United Nations, *Treaty Series*,] vol. 1125, Nos. 17512 and 17513, and vol. 2404, No. 43425.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 1125, No. 17512.

⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 249, No. 3511, and vol. 2253, No. 3511.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, vol. 2173, No. 27531.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (69th session, 2014, agenda item 80)

Res. [69/121](#), 10 Dec. 14

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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

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

5. *Recommends* that States cooperate closely through, inter alia, contacts

between the diplomatic and consular missions and the receiving State with regard to practical measures designed to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, including measures of a preventive nature, and with regard to the timely exchange of information on the circumstances of all serious violations thereof;

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

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

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

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

10. *Urges*:

15 May 2016
([LA/COD/4](#), of 21 Jan
2015)

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

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

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

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

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

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

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

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

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

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

15 May 2016
([LA/COD/4](#), of 21 Jan 2015)

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

15 May 2016
([LA/COD/4](#), of 21 Jan 2015)

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

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

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

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session [2016] the item entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives".

² [A/42/485](#), annex.

Effects of armed conflicts on treaties (69th session, 2014, agenda item 84)

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

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

Deadlines (Note Verbale)

1. *Commends once again* the articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties to the attention of Governments without prejudice to the question of their future adoption or other appropriate action;

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

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

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled "Effects of armed conflicts on treaties", with a view to examining, inter alia, the question of the form that might be given to the articles.

Responsibility of international organizations (69th session, 2014, agenda item 85)

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

[Summary of consideration](#)

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Deadlines (Note Verbale)

1. *Takes note* once again of the articles on the responsibility of international organizations and commends them to the attention of Governments and international organizations without prejudice to the question of their future adoption or other appropriate action;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare an initial compilation of decisions of international courts, tribunals and other bodies referring to the articles and to invite Governments and international organizations to submit information on their practice in this regard, as well as written comments on any future action regarding the articles, and further requests the Secretary-General to submit this material well in advance of its seventy-second session;

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

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-second session [2017] the item entitled "Responsibility of international organizations", with a view to examining, inter alia, the question of the form that might be given to the articles;

Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts (68th session, 2013, agenda item 77)

Res. [68/104](#), 10 Dec. 14

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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

1 Feb 2016
(LA/COD/26, of [10 Jan 2014](#) and [21 Jan 2015](#))

4. *Also 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 further requests the Secretary-General to submit this material well in advance of its seventy-first session;

1 Feb 2016
(LA/COD/26, of [10 Jan 2014](#) and [21 Jan 2015](#))

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session [2016] the item entitled "Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts" and to further examine, within the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee and with a view to taking a decision, the question of a convention on responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts or other appropriate action on the basis of the articles.

Diplomatic protection (68th session, 2013, agenda item 82)

Res. [68/113](#), 10 Dec. 14

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

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

1 June 2016
(LA/COD/38, of [21 Jan 2014](#), [21 Jan 2015](#) and [18 Dec 2015](#))

³ Resolution [62/67](#), annex.

elaborate a convention on the basis of the articles;¹

2. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session [2016] 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 and sixty-eighth 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.

Consideration and prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm (68th session, 2013, agenda item 83)

Res. [68/114](#), 10 Dec. 14

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

Deadlines (Note Verbale)

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

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

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

31 May 2016
(LA/COD/18/1 of [13 Jan 2014](#), [12 Jan 2015](#)
and [24 Dec 2015](#))

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

31 May 2016
(LA/COD/18/2 of [13 Jan 2014](#) and [24 Dec 2015](#))

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session [2016] the item entitled “Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm”.

The law of transboundary aquifers (68th session, 2013, agenda item 87)

Res. [68/118](#), 10 Dec. 14

[Summary of consideration](#)

[Documents](#)

Deadlines (Note Verbale)

1. *Commends* to the attention of Governments the draft articles on the law of transboundary aquifers annexed to the present resolution as guidance for bilateral or regional agreements and arrangements for the proper

([LA/COD/58](#), of 14 Jan 2014)

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

management of transboundary aquifers;

2. *Encourages* the International Hydrological Programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue its contribution by offering further scientific and technical assistance to the States concerned; ([LA/COD/58](#), of 14 Jan 2014)

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session [2016] the item entitled “The law of transboundary aquifers”.

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 2016
([LA/COD/11/1](#),
[LA/COD/11/2](#) and
[LA/COD/11/3](#) of 19 Jan 2016)

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 June 2016
([LA/COD/11/1](#),
[LA/COD/11/2](#) and
[LA/COD/11/3](#) of 19 Jan 2016)

(a) 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;

...

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 2016
([LA/COD/10](#) of 19 Jan 2016)

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 June 2016

<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	70/118 of 14 December 2015	Member States that have made pledges under para. 2 of GA Resolution 70/118 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	70/118 of 14 December 2015	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.
31 May 2016 (LA/COD/18/1, 13 Jan 14 & 12 Jan 15)	Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm	68/114 of 16 December 2013	States are invited to submit further comments on any future action, in particular on the form of respective articles and principles, bearing in mind the recommendations made by the Commission in that regard, including in relation to the elaboration of a convention on the basis of the draft articles, as well as on any practice in relation to the application of the articles and principles, to be considered at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (2016).
1 June 2016 (LA/COD/38, 21 Jan 14 , 21 Jan 15 and 18 Dec 2015)	Diplomatic protection	68/113 of 16 December 2013	Governments are requested to submit in writing to the Secretary-General any further comments, including comments concerning the recommendation by the Commission to elaborate a convention on the basis of the articles on diplomatic protection, to be considered at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (2016).
1 June 2016 (LA/COD/2 , 21 Jan 15)	Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts	69/120 of 10 December 2012	Member States are requested to send information which they might deem relevant for inclusion in the report of the Secretary-General 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. They are encouraged, in transmitting information to the Secretary-General, to focus on new developments and activities during the reporting period. To be considered at the seventy-first session of the General Assembly (2016).
1 June 2016 (LA/COD/11/1 of 19 Jan 16)	Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism	49/60 of 9 December 1994 and 50/53 of 11	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

		December 1995	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-first session of the General Assembly (2016).
1 June 2016 (LA/COD/11/2 of 19 Jan 16)	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-first session of the General Assembly (2016).
1 June 2016 (LA/COD/11/3 of 19 Jan 16)	Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism	49/60 of 9 December 1994, 50/53 of 11 December 1995, and 70/120 of 14 December 2015	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 2016 (LA/COD/10 , 19 Jan 2016)	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 2015 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 2015 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 2016 (LA/COD/10 , 18 Jan 2016)	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 2015, 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 2016 (LA/COD/10 , 18 Jan 2016)	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 2015.
1 June 2016 (LA.20.10.1 , 5 Oct 2015)	Election of Members of the International Law Commission	36/39 of 18 November 1981	Governments are invited to provide the names of the candidates which the Permanent Representative's Government may wish to nominate for election to the International Law Commission, together with the statements of qualifications of such candidates.
1 Feb 2017 (LA/COD/43, 7 Jan 15 and 12 Jan 16)	Responsibility of international organizations	69/126 of 10 December 2014	Governments and International Organizations are requested to submit written comments on any future action regarding the articles on the responsibility of international organizations and information regarding decisions of

			international courts, tribunals and other bodies referring to the articles for inclusion by the Secretary-General in a compilation of information concerning such practice to be submitted well in advance of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017), and to be considered at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017).
1 June 2017 (LA/COD/47, 21 Jan 15 and 12 Jan 16)	Effects of armed conflicts on treaties	69/125 of 10 December 2014	Governments are requested to submit in writing to the Secretary-General any comments on any future action regarding the articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties, to be considered at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly (2017).

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.

Transmittal of submissions

Original hardcopy submissions may be :

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Electronic submissions may be emailed to 6thcommittee@un.org or transmitted by fax to (+1) 212-963-1963. Electronic submissions by email are only accepted in lieu of original hardcopy submissions if they are received in the form of scanned (PDF) versions of the original official communication and attached to the transmittal message. The Secretariat would also greatly appreciate receiving the Microsoft Word version of communications, where possible.

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