neo-colonialist, racist and foreign régimes within the framework of a struggle to restore its legitimate rights or to redress an injustice of which it is the victim, the international community, once it has recognized the validity of those goals, cannot take repressive measures against acts which it must on the contrary encourage, support and defend.

Considering that when persons engage in violent acts for motives other than those described above, those acts should be considered by the international community to fall within the scope of the general law of each State.

C. Working paper submitted by Lesotho and the United Republic of Tanzania, later joined by Algeria, Egypt, Guinea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Nigeria (A/AC.188/L.5)

**Scope**

For the purposes of this Convention, the term "taking of hostages" shall not include any act or acts carried out in the process of national liberation against colonial rule, racist and foreign régimes, by liberation movements recognized by the United Nations or regional organizations.

D. Working paper submitted by Mexico (A/AC.188/L.6)

**Scope**

1. For the purposes of this Convention, the term "taking of hostages" shall not include any act or acts covered by the rules of international law applicable to armed conflicts, including conflicts in which peoples are fighting against colonial domination and foreign occupation and against racist régimes, in the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

2. None of the provisions of this Convention shall be interpreted as impairing the right of asylum.

E. Working paper submitted by Algeria and the United Republic of Tanzania, later joined by Egypt, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Nigeria (A/AC.188/L.7)

States shall not resort to the threat or use of force against the sovereignty, territorial integrity or independence of other States as a means of rescuing hostages.

F. Working paper submitted by France (A/AC.188/L.8) concerning article 4 of the working paper submitted by the Federal Republic of Germany (A/AC.188/L.3)

1. Make the present article 4 article 2, and renumber articles 2 and 3 accordingly.