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.
2. Word the new article 2 (old article 4) to read as follows:

"1. Each Contracting State shall undertake to make the offences mentioned in article 1 punishable by severe penalties.

"2. The Contracting States shall provide for mitigation of the penalties in the event of the voluntary release of hostages."

G. Working paper submitted by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
(A/AC.188/L.9)

For the purposes of this Convention, the term "taking of hostages" is the seizure or detention, not only of a person or persons, but also of masses under colonial, racist or foreign domination, in a way that threatens him or them with death, or severe injury or deprives him or them of their fundamental freedoms.

H. Working paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic (A/AC.188/L.10)
concerning the working paper submitted by Algeria, Egypt, Guinea, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/AC.188/L.5)

For the purposes of this Convention, the term "taking of hostages" shall not apply to any act or acts carried out in the process of national liberation or resistance against colonial rule, racist regimes, alien domination and foreign occupation, by liberation movements recognized by their regional organizations or by the United Nations.

I. Working paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic (A/AC.188/L.11)
concerning the working paper submitted by Algeria, Egypt, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/AC.188/L.7)

Nothing in this Convention can be construed as justifying in any manner the threat or use of force or any interference whatsoever against the sovereignty, independence or territorial integrity of peoples and States, under the pretext of rescuing or freeing hostages.

J. Working paper submitted by Nicaragua (A/AC.188/L.12) concerning article 4 of the working paper submitted by the Federal Republic of Germany (A/AC.188/L.3)

Each Contracting State shall make the offences mentioned in article 1 punishable by severe penalties.

The Contracting States shall provide for mitigation of the penalties in the event of the voluntary release of hostages.