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Resolution 1685 (XVI) of the General Assembly convening the Conference

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**RESOLUTION 1685 (XVI) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CONVENING THE CONFERENCE**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON CONSULAR RELATIONS

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter II of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its thirteenth session, which contains draft articles and commentaries on consular relations,

Recalling that, according to paragraph 27 of that report, the International Law Commission decided to recommend that the General Assembly should convene an international conference of plenipotentiaries to study the Commission's draft on consular relations and conclude one or more conventions on the subject,

Expressing its firm belief that the successful codification and progressive development of the rules governing consular relations would contribute to the development of friendly relations among nations, irrespective of their differing constitutional and social systems,

Noting with satisfaction that the draft articles on consular relations prepared by the International Law Commission constitute a good basis for the preparation of a convention on that subject,

Desiring to provide an opportunity for completing the preparatory work by further expressions and exchanges of views concerning the draft articles at the seventeenth session of the General Assembly,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the International Law Commission for its work on consular relations;

2. *Requests* Member States to submit to the Secretary-General written comments concerning the draft articles by 1 July 1962, in order that they may be circulated to governments prior to the beginning of the seventeenth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* that an international conference of plenipotentiaries be convened to consider the question of consular relations and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it may deem appropriate;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convoke the conference at Vienna at the beginning of March 1963;

5. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations, States members of the specialized agencies and States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice to participate in the conference and to include among their representatives experts competent in the field to be considered;

6. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the interested intergovernmental organizations to send observers to the conference;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the conference documentation and recommendations concerning its methods of work and procedures;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the necessary staff and facilities which will be required for the conference;

9. *Refers* to the conference chapter II of the report of the International Law Commission covering the work of its thirteenth session, together with the records of the records of the relevant debates in the General Assembly, as the basis for its consideration of the question of consular relations;

10. *Expresses the hope* that the conference will be fully attended;

11. *Decides* to include the item entitled "Consular relations" in the provisional agenda of its seventeenth session to allow further expressions and exchanges of views concerning the draft articles on consular relations.

1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.