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Proposals submitted to the Drafting Committee for the preamble and the final clauses of the Convention

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F. PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR THE PREAMBLE AND THE FINAL CLAUSES OF THE CONVENTION

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DOCUMENT A/CONF.67/DC.23

Romania: proposal for the preamble

[Original: English] [26 February 1975]

The States Parties to the present Convention,

Convinced of the important role in the contemporary world of the United Nations Organization and other international organizations as well as of the conferences convened by or under the auspices of such organizations,

Considering the fundamental role of conventions in the history of international law and international relations.

Convinced that an international convention on the representation of States in their relations with international organizations and their representation at conferences convened by or under the auspices of such organizations would contribute to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States, irrespective of their differing constitutional and social systems.

Having in mind the principle of international law embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, such as the principle of the equal rights and self-determination of peoples, of the sovereign equality and independence of all States, of non-interference in the domestic affairs of States, of the prohibition of the threat or use of force and of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedom for all,

Believing that the codification and progressive development of the international law achieved in the present Convention will promote the purposes of the United Nations set forth in the Charter, namely, the maintenance of international peace and security, the development of friendly relations and the strengthening of co-operation among States,

Realizing that the purpose of privileges and immunities contained in the present Convention is not to benefit individuals but to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of representation of States in their relations with international organizations and their representatives at conferences convened by or under the auspices of such organizations,

Affirming that the rules of customary international law should continue to govern questions not expressly

regulated by the provisions of the present Convention, Have agreed as follows:

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DOCUMENT A/CONF.67/DC.33

India: proposal for the preamble

[Original: English] [4 March 1975]

The States Parties to the present Convention,

Recognizing the increasingly important role of multilateral diplomacy in relations between States and the steadily increasing responsibilities of international organizations within the international community,

Having in mind the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the sovereign equality of States, the maintenance of international peace and security, and the promotion of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Recalling the codification of the diplomatic law applicable to bilateral relations between States achieved by the Vienna Convention of 1961 on Diplomatic Relations, the Vienna Convention of 1963 on Consular Relations, and the Convention of 1969 on Special Missions,

Believing that an international convention on the representation of States in relation to international organizations of a universal character and conferences convened by or under the auspices of such organizations would contribute to the development of friendly relations and co-operation among States, irrespective of their differing constitutional and social systems,

Recalling the principles embodied in Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Realizing that the purpose of privileges and immunities contained in the present Convention is not to benefit individuals but to ensure the efficient performance of their functions in connexion with the organizations and conferences,

Taking due account of other agreements in force between States and between States and international organizations,

Affirming that the rules of customary international law will continue to govern questions not expressly regulated by the provisions of the present Convention,

Have agreed as follows:

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DOCUMENT A/CONF.67/DC.34

Netherlands: proposal for the final clauses

[Original: English]
[4 March 1975]

An international organization which has decided to undertake to fulfil the obligations under the present Convention, and which has received the consent of the host State or host States concerned, shall notify the contents of its decision together with a copy or copies of the consent mentioned above to the depositary of the Convention. The depositary shall inform the Parties and other signatory States to the present Convention accordingly.

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DOCUMENT A/CONF.67/DC.39

United Republic of Cameroon: proposal for the final clauses

[Original: French] [6 March 1975]

Include a revision clause reading as follows:

"Ten (10) years after the entry into force of this Convention, a conference of plenipotentiaries of the States Members of the United Nations shall be convened to re-examine such articles of the Convention as may have proved inapplicable or difficult to apply."