

United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties

Vienna, Austria
Resumed session
31 July-23 August 1978

Recommendation of the Conference and resolution of the General Assembly relating to the Conference

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONFERENCE AND RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATING TO THE CONFERENCE

Recommendation adopted by the Conference at the closure of its 1977 session

The United Nations Conference on Succession of States in respect of Treaties,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 3496 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 by which the General Assembly decided to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries in 1977 to consider the draft articles on succession of States in respect of treaties, adopted by the International Law Commission at its twenty-sixth session, and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it might deem appropriate.

Having met in Vienna from 4 April to 6 May 1977, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/18 of 24 November 1976,

Expressing its deep appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Austria for making possible the holding of the Conference in the capital of Austria,

Noting that due to the intrinsic complexity of the subject-matter it has not been possible for the Conference in the time available to conclude its work and to adopt an international convention and other appropriate instruments, as requested by the General Assembly in the above-mentioned resolution,

Taking note of the statement of the representative of Austria that the invitation of the Government of Austria referred to in General Assembly resolution 31/18 would extend to a resumed session of the Conference, which would make it possible for the Conference to continue its work in Vienna in 1978,

Convinced that one more session would enable it to conclude its work as envisaged by the General Assembly,

1. *Adopts* the report on its work for the period 4 April to 6 May 1977;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit that report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session;
3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly decide to reconvene the Conference in the first half of 1978, preferably in April in Vienna, for a final session of four weeks.

*7th plenary meeting
6 May 1977*

Resolution 32/47, 8 December 1977

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION OF STATES IN RESPECT OF TREATIES

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3496 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it decided to convene a conference of plenipotentiaries in 1977 to consider the draft articles on succession of States in respect of treaties, adopted by the International Law Commission at its twenty-sixth session,* and to embody the results of its work in an international convention and such other instruments as it might deem appropriate,

Recalling further its resolution 31/18 of 24 November 1976, by which, after noting that an invitation had been extended by the Government of Austria to hold the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties at Vienna, it had decided that the Conference would be held in that city,

Noting that the Conference met at Vienna from 4 April to 6 May 1977, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolutions, but that it was not possible in the time available for the Conference to conclude its work and to adopt an international convention and other appropriate instruments, as requested by the General Assembly,

Noting further the view of the Conference that one more session would enable it to conclude its work as envisaged by the General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the recommendation unanimously adopted by the Conference that it should be reconvened at Vienna for a final session of four weeks,

Taking into account the invitation of the Government of Austria, accepted by the General Assembly in resolution 31/18, which extends also to a resumed session of the Conference,**

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties;***
2. *Approves* the convening of a resumed session of the United Nations Conference on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties at Vienna for a period of three weeks, from 31 July to 18 August 1978, with a possible extension

* *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 10 (A/9610/Rev.1), chap. II, sect. D.*

** See A/32/141/Add.1.

*** A/CONF.80/15.

of up to one further week should this prove necessary in the view of the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, as provided under General Assembly resolution 31/18, for the efficient servicing of the Conference;

4. *Expresses its firm conviction* that the Conference will thus conclude its work and adopt an international convention and other appropriate instruments as requested by the General Assembly.

*97th plenary meeting
8 December 1977*