

## ARTICLE 2 (6)

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### TEXT OF ARTICLE 2 (6)

The Organization shall ensure that States which are not Members of the United Nations act in accordance with these Principles so far as may be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security.

### INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. The general structure of this study follows that of Article 2 (6) in Supplement No. 1 to the Repertory. The relevant additional material is to be found in the General Survey and in section A 2 b of the Analytical Summary of Practice, which deals with recommendations involving specific Principles of the Charter addressed to non-member States in general.

### I. GENERAL SURVEY

2. During the period under review, Article 2 (6) was not expressly invoked by any United Nations organ. Nevertheless, certain resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its eleventh and twelfth sessions may be said to bear upon Article 2 (6), inasmuch as recommendations were made therein to "all States and authorities" and to "all States" regarding questions of international peace and security.

## II. ANALYTICAL SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

### A. Decisions taken by the Organization affecting non-member States with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security

#### *\*\* 1. Recommendations to, or in respect of, specific non-member States*

#### *2. Recommendations to non-member States in general*

#### **\*\* a. RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER IN GENERAL**

#### **b. RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER: GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 1010 (XI) AND 1236 (XII)**

3. At its eleventh session, in connexion with agenda item 21, entitled "The Korean question", the General Assembly adopted resolution 1010 (XI), which reaffirmed the objectives of the United Nations to bring about by peaceful means the establishment of a unified, independent and democratic Korea under a representative form of government and the full restoration of international peace and security in the area. By the same resolution, the General Assembly urged that continuing efforts should be made to achieve these objectives in accordance with the fundamental principles for unification set forth by the nations participating in the Korean Political Conference held at Geneva in 1954; it called upon the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea to continue its work in accordance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and to observe and report on elections throughout Korea; and it further called upon all States and authorities to facilitate this activity on the part of the Commission.

4. On 20 September 1957, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics requested 1/ the inclusion in the agenda of the twelfth session of the General Assembly of an item entitled "Declaration concerning the peaceful coexistence of States". In the explanatory memorandum accompanying the request, the Soviet Union proposed a draft resolution which read as follows: 2/

"The General Assembly,

"Considering that one of the most important purposes of the United Nations is to strengthen universal peace and to develop friendly relations among States, irrespective of their social structure,

"Noting with satisfaction that many States have recently begun to base their relations one with another upon the following principles:

(1) Mutual respect for one another's territorial integrity and sovereignty;

(2) Non-aggression;

(3) Non-intervention in one another's domestic affairs on any economic, political or ideological grounds whatsoever;

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1/ G A (XII), Annexes, a.i. 66, A/3673.

2/ Ibid., para. 8.

(4) Equality and mutual benefit;

(5) Peaceful co-existence;

"Recognizing that the application of these principles in relations among all States would be of exceptional importance in reducing international tension and extending international co-operation,

"Calls upon States to be guided by the aforesaid principles in their relations one with another and to settle solely by peaceful means any disputes which may arise among them."

5. The item was allocated by the General Assembly to the First Committee for consideration and report. In the First Committee, another draft resolution was submitted jointly by India, Sweden and Yugoslavia, 3/ which, after discussion, was approved 4/ by the First Committee and later adopted by the General Assembly as resolution 1236 (XII), entitled "Peaceful and neighbourly relations among States". The text of this resolution is given below.

"The General Assembly,

"Considering the urgency and the importance of strengthening international peace and of developing peaceful and neighbourly relations among States irrespective of their divergences or the relative stages and nature of their political, economic and social development,

"Recalling that among the fundamental objectives of the Charter of the United Nations are the maintenance of international peace and security and friendly co-operation among States,

"Realizing the need to promote these objectives and to develop peaceful and tolerant relations among States, in conformity with the Charter, based on mutual respect and benefit, non-aggression, respect for each other's sovereignty, equality and territorial integrity and non-intervention in one another's internal affairs, and to fulfil the purposes and principles of the Charter,

"Recognizing the need to broaden international co-operation, to reduce tensions and to settle differences and disputes among States by peaceful means,

"Calls upon all States to make every effort to strengthen international peace, and to develop friendly and co-operative relations and settle disputes by peaceful means as enjoined in the Charter of the United Nations and as set forth in the present resolution."

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3/ G A (XII), Annexes, a.i. 66, p. 2, A/3802, para. 5.

4/ Ibid., para. 7.

