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## REVIEW OF THE MULTILATERAL TREATY-MAKING PROCESS (PARA. 2 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/48)

[Agenda item 8]

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1. The General Assembly, at its thirty-second session, included in the agenda of that session an item entitled "Review of the multilateral treaty-making process" (item 124) and allocated it to the Sixth Committee. The inclusion of the item in the provisional agenda of the Assembly's thirty-second session had been requested by the representatives of Australia, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands and Sri Lanka in a letter dated 19 July 1977 accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.<sup>1</sup>

2. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 46th to 50th meetings, between 15 and 18 November 1977. Summaries of the views expressed by representatives in the Committee during the debate on the item appear in the records of those meetings.<sup>2</sup> The Sixth Committee recommended to the General Assembly a draft resolution on the item<sup>3</sup> which was

subsequently adopted by the Assembly at its 97th plenary meeting on 8 December 1977 as resolution 32/48.

3. In paragraphs 1 and 2 of that resolution, the General Assembly:

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the techniques and procedures used in the elaboration of multilateral treaties, taking also into consideration the debates in the General Assembly at the current session and the observations referred to in paragraph 2 below, with a view to its submission to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

2. *Invites* Governments and the International Law Commission to submit by 31 July 1979, for inclusion in the report referred to above, their observations on this subject.

4. In pursuance of the invitation made to the Commission by the General Assembly in paragraph 2 of the above quoted resolution, the Secretariat included in the provisional agenda of the Commission's thirtieth session (A/CN.4/306) an item (8) entitled: "Review of the multilateral treaty-making process (para. 2 of General Assembly resolution 32/48)". The General Assembly documents relevant to this item have been transmitted to the members of the Commission.

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 124, document A/32/143.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session*, 46th–50th meetings; and *ibid.*, *Sessional Fascicle*, corrigendum.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 124, document A/32/363, para. 6.