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SPECIAL MISSIONS

Text of Preamble adopted by the Drafting Committee

DRAFT PREAMBLE OF A CONVENTION ON SPECIAL MISSIONS

The States parties to this Convention,

Recalling that the need of according a particular status  
to special missions of States has always been recognized,

Bearing in mind the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of  
the United Nations relating to the sovereign equality of States,  
the maintenance of international peace and security and the  
development of friendly relations and co-operation among States,

Recalling the resolution of the United Nations Conference on  
Diplomatic Intercourse and Immunities (1961) relating to the  
importance of special missions,

Believing that the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and  
Consular Relations have contributed to the fostering of friendly  
relations among nations, irrespective of their differing  
constitutional and social systems, and that they should be completed  
by a convention on special missions and their privileges and  
immunities,

Realizing that the purpose of such privileges and immunities is not to benefit individuals but to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of special missions as representing States,

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: