Articles 1 (1), 1 (3), 1 (4), 2 (1), 2 (2), 2 (3) and 2 (5)

Text of Articles 1 (1), 1 (3), 1 (4)

The Purposes of the United Nations are:

1. To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace;

3. To achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and

4. To be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

Text of Articles 2 (1), 2 (2), 2 (3) and 2 (5)

The Organization and its Members, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall act in accordance with the following Principles.

1. The Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members.

2. All Members, in order to ensure to all of them the rights and benefits resulting from membership, shall fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with the present Charter.

3. All Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered.

5. All Members shall give the United Nations every assistance in any action it takes in accordance with the present Charter, and shall refrain from giving assistance to any state against which the United Nations is taking preventive or enforcement action.

Introductory note

1. In the present Supplement, as in Supplements Nos. 2 to 9, Article 1 (2), as well as paragraphs 4, 6 and 7 of Article 2, are treated in separate studies. The present study is therefore confined to the practice of the United Nations organs relating to paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of Article 1, and paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Article 2.

2. As in earlier Supplements, decisions of the United Nations organs taken under other Articles of the Charter are dealt with under those Articles to which they are
directly related. Consequently, the present study is confined, for the reasons stated in *Supplement No. 2*, to an examination: (a) of the general features of the practice of the General Assembly in making reference to the Purposes and Principles of the Charter; and (b) of certain decisions of the General Assembly as the organ with the widest-ranging functions and responsibilities under the Charter.

3. During the period under review, the United Nations organs continued their practice of relying on the Purposes and Principles of the Charter as a whole and/or on a particular provision of Article 1 or Article 2, as a basis for dealing with subject matters under consideration. The main features of that practice are summarized in paragraphs 5 to 15 below.

4. Following the practice established in *Supplement No. 7*, this study does not have annexes containing tables of relevant paragraphs of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during the period under review. As the text of all resolutions is available on the Internet, only symbols of relevant General Assembly resolutions are provided in the footnotes.

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4 See *RePERTORY, Supplement No. 7*, vol. I, under Articles 1 (1), 1 (3), 1 (4), 2 (1), 2 (2), 2 (3) and 2 (5), para. 4.

1. The Purposes and Principles as a whole

5. During the period under review, the General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions relating to a wide range of subjects, in which it invoked, reaffirmed or called upon the Member States to observe and promote the Purposes and Principles of the Charter.6

6. No explicit references were made to Article 1 (1) in the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during the period under consideration. However, resolutions adopted by the Assembly on the following questions might be considered to have a special bearing on Article 1 (1): (a) review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly;7 (b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;8 (c) regional disarmament;9 (d) question of Antarctica;10 and (e) maintenance of international security — good neighbourliness, stability and development of South-Eastern Europe.11

3. Article 1 (3)

7. During the period under review, the General Assembly referred explicitly to Article 1 (3) in its resolutions on enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights.12
8. In addition, the General Assembly, although not explicitly referring to Article 1(3), adopted several resolutions which might be considered to have a bearing on this Article. Those resolutions related, inter alia, to the following questions: (a) cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization;\(^{13}\) (b) cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;\(^{14}\) (c) intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women;\(^{15}\) (d) elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”;\(^{16}\) (e) global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;\(^{17}\) (f) measures to combat contemporary forms of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;\(^{18}\) (g) Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the Convening of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance;\(^{19}\) (h) Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;\(^{20}\) (i) International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People;\(^{21}\) (j) Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People;\(^{22}\) (k) Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People;\(^{23}\) (l) protection of migrants;\(^{24}\) (m) promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;\(^{25}\) (n) strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity;\(^{26}\) (o) Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations;\(^{27}\) (p) United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations;\(^{28}\) and (q) globalization and its impacts on the full enjoyment of all human rights.\(^{29}\)

4. Article 1 (4)

9. No explicit references were made to Article 1 (4) in the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly during the period under review. However, resolutions adopted by the Assembly on the following questions might be considered to have a special bearing on this Article: (a) cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;\(^{30}\) (b) Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development;\(^{31}\) (c) Agreement Concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;\(^{32}\) and (d) cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.\(^{33}\)

5. Article 2 (1)

10. The General Assembly referred to the principle of sovereign equality of States in several resolutions that it adopted: (a) use of mercenaries as a means of

\(^{13}\) GA resolutions 55/42, preamble; 56/44, preamble; 57/38, preamble; 59/4, preamble; 61/12, preamble and 63/144, preamble.
\(^{14}\) GA resolutions 55/211, preamble; 57/34, preamble; 59/259, preamble; 61/4, preamble and 63/11, preamble.
\(^{15}\) GA resolutions 61/143, preamble; 62/133, preamble and 63/155, preamble.
\(^{16}\) GA resolutions 55/68, preamble; 57/181, preamble and 59/167, preamble.
\(^{17}\) GA resolutions 58/160, preamble; 59/177, preamble; 60/144, preamble; 61/149, preamble; 62/220, preamble; and 63/242, preamble.
\(^{18}\) GA resolution 56/267, preamble.
\(^{19}\) GA resolution 55/84, preamble.
\(^{20}\) GA resolution 56/265, preamble.
\(^{21}\) GA resolutions 55/80, preamble; 56/140, preamble; 57/192, preamble; and 58/158, preamble.
\(^{22}\) GA resolution 60/142, preamble.
\(^{23}\) GA resolution 59/174, preamble.
\(^{24}\) GA resolutions 55/92, preamble; 56/170, preamble; 57/218, preamble; 58/190, preamble; 59/194, preamble; 60/169, preamble; 61/165, preamble; 62/156, preamble; and 63/184, preamble.
\(^{25}\) GA resolution 63/189, preamble.
\(^{26}\) GA resolutions 56/104, preamble; 56/153, preamble; 57/203, preamble; 58/168, preamble; 59/190, preamble; and 62/165, preamble.
\(^{27}\) GA resolutions 56/6, preamble; 60/4, preamble.
\(^{28}\) GA resolutions 55/23, preamble; 56/3, preamble.
\(^{29}\) GA resolutions 55/102, preamble; 56/153, preamble; 57/205, preamble; 58/193, preamble; 59/184, preamble; 60/152, preamble; 61/156, preamble; 62/151, preamble; and 63/176, preamble.
\(^{30}\) GA resolutions 55/15, preamble; and 57/157, preamble.
\(^{31}\) GA resolution 63/303, annex.
\(^{32}\) GA resolution 54/280, annex.
\(^{33}\) GA resolution 55/283, annex.
violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination;\(^{34}\) (b) towards a New International Economic Order;\(^{35}\) (c) promotion of a democratic and equitable international order;\(^{36}\) (d) the Arms Trade Treaty;\(^{37}\) (e) necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba;\(^{38}\) (f) the law of transboundary aquifers;\(^{39}\) (g) respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of a humanitarian character;\(^{40}\) (h) the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;\(^{41}\) (i) 2005 World Summit Outcome;\(^{42}\) (j) draft outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly of September 2005;\(^{43}\) (k) International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism;\(^{44}\) (l) reaffirming the central role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of international cooperation;\(^{45}\) (m) United Nations Convention against Corruption;\(^{46}\) (n) prevention of armed conflict;\(^{47}\) (o) United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;\(^{48}\) and (p) United Nations Millennium Declaration.\(^{49}\)

### 6. Article 2 (2)

11. The General Assembly referred to the principle of fulfilment of obligations in good faith, embodied in Article 2(2), in the following resolutions that it adopted: (a) question of Western Sahara;\(^{50}\) (b) report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the organization;\(^{51}\) (c) follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or use of Nuclear Weapons;\(^{52}\) (d) nuclear disarmament;\(^{53}\) (e) reducing nuclear danger;\(^{54}\) (f) United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea;\(^{55}\) (g) the law of transboundary aquifers;\(^{56}\) (h) consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm;\(^{57}\) (i) peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula;\(^{58}\) (j) United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;\(^{59}\) (k) Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994;\(^{60}\)

\(^{34}\) GA resolutions 55/86, preamble; 56/232, preamble; 57/196, preamble; 58/162, preamble; 59/178, preamble; 61/151, preamble; 62/145, preamble; 63/164, preamble; and 64/151, preamble.

\(^{35}\) GA resolutions 63/224, para. 1; and 64/209, para. 1.

\(^{36}\) GA resolutions 55/107, para. 7; 56/151, para. 7; 57/213, para. 9; 59/193, para. 9; 61/160, para. 9; 63/189, para. 9; and 64/157, para. 9.

\(^{37}\) GA resolution 64/48, preamble.

\(^{38}\) GA resolutions 55/20, preamble; 56/9, preamble; 57/11, preamble; 58/7, preamble; 59/11, preamble; 60/12, preamble; 61/11, preamble; 62/3, preamble; 63/7, preamble; and 64/6, preamble.

\(^{39}\) GA resolution 63/124, annex, article 7 (1).

\(^{40}\) GA resolutions 55/101, para. 2; 56/152, para. 2; 57/217, para. 2; 58/188, para. 2; 59/204, para. 2; and 62/166, para. 2.

\(^{41}\) GA resolution 60/288, preamble.

\(^{42}\) GA resolution 60/1, para. 5.

\(^{43}\) GA resolution 59/314, annex, para. 5.

\(^{44}\) GA resolution 59/290, annex, article 21.

\(^{45}\) GA resolution 58/317, preamble and para. 1.

\(^{46}\) GA resolution 58/4, annex, articles 4 (1) and 50 (2).

\(^{47}\) GA resolution 57/337, preamble and para. 3.

\(^{48}\) GA resolution 55/25, annex I, article 4 (1).

\(^{49}\) GA resolution 55/2, article I (4).

\(^{50}\) GA resolutions 55/141, para. 3; 56/69, para. 3; 57/135, para. 3; 62/116, para. 2; 63/105, para. 3; and 64/101, para. 3.

\(^{51}\) GA resolution 64/115, annex, para. 18.

\(^{52}\) GA resolutions 57/85, preamble and para. 1; 58/46, preamble and para. 1; 59/83, preamble and para. 1; 60/76, preamble and para. 1; 61/83, preamble and para. 1; 62/39, preamble and para. 1; 63/49, preamble and para. 1; and 64/55, preamble and para. 1.

\(^{53}\) GA resolutions 57/79, preamble; 58/56, preamble; 59/77, preamble; 60/70, preamble; 61/78, preamble; 62/42, preamble; 63/56, preamble; and 64/53, preamble.

\(^{54}\) GA resolutions 57/84, preamble; 58/47, preamble; 59/79, preamble; 60/79, preamble; 61/85, preamble; 62/32, preamble; 63/47, preamble; and 64/37, preamble.

\(^{55}\) GA resolution 63/122, annex, articles 2, 25 (4), 41 (b) (i), 41 (b) (ii) and 41 (c).

\(^{56}\) GA resolution 63/124, annex, articles 7 and 19.

\(^{57}\) GA resolution 62/68, annex, articles 4, 14 and 19(6).

\(^{58}\) GA resolutions 62/5, para. 2; and 55/11, para. 2.

\(^{59}\) GA resolution 61/295, annex, preamble and articles 19, 32 (2) and 46 (3).

\(^{60}\) GA resolution 61/178, preamble and annex, preamble.
Nations Global Counter-terrorism Strategy;\(^{61}\) United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts;\(^{62}\) (n) 2005 World Summit Outcome;\(^{63}\) (o) draft outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly of September 2005;\(^{64}\) (p) advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem;\(^{65}\) (q) United Nations Convention against Corruption;\(^{66}\) (r) prevention of armed conflict;\(^{67}\) (s) Model Law on International Commercial Conciliation of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;\(^{68}\) (t) responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts;\(^{69}\) (u) United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade;\(^{70}\) (v) Model Law on Electronic Signatures of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;\(^{71}\) (w) general and complete disarmament;\(^{72}\) (x) Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations;\(^{73}\) (y) emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan and the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security;\(^{74}\) (z) situation of human rights in parts of South-Eastern Europe;\(^{75}\) and (aa) the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.\(^{76}\)

7. Article 2 (3)

and articles 19, 32 (2) and 46 (3).

12. During the period under consideration, the General Assembly explicitly referred to article 2 (3) in the resolution under its agenda item entitled “Prevention of armed conflict.”\(^{77}\)

13. During the same period, the General Assembly adopted the following resolutions invoking the principle of peaceful settlement of international disputes: (a) promotion of peace as a vital requirement for the full enjoyment of all human rights by all;\(^{78}\) (b) University for Peace;\(^{79}\) (c) the situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development;\(^{80}\) (d) promotion of the right of peoples to peace;\(^{81}\) (e) cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;\(^{82}\) (f) peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine;\(^{83}\) and (g) report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.\(^{84}\)

8. Article 2 (5)

14. No explicit reference was made to Article 2 (5) in the resolutions of the General Assembly adopted during the period under review. However, on a number of occasions, the General Assembly requested States to assist the United Nations in the implementation of actions that it had taken under the United Nations Charter and/or to refrain from giving assistance to a State against which the United Nations had taken preventive or enforcement measures.

15. The General Assembly resolutions that might be considered to have bearing on Article 2 (5) are the following: (a) question of human rights in

77 GA resolution 57/337, preamble.
78 GA resolutions 58/192, preamble and para. 3; 60/163, preamble and para. 7; and 62/163, preamble and para. 7.
79 GA resolutions 56/2, preamble; and 58/12, preamble.
80 GA resolution 56/224, para. 18.
81 GA resolution 57/216, preamble.
82 GA resolution 55/283, annex, article 1 (3).
83 GA resolution 64/19, para. 1.
84 GA resolutions 55/156, para. 3 (c); 56/86, para. 3 (c); 57/24, preamble and para. 3 (c); 58/248, preamble and para. 3 (c); 59/44, preamble and para. 3 (c); 60/23, preamble and paras. 3 (c) and 7; 61/38, preamble and paras. 4 (c) and 8; 62/69, preamble and paras. 3 (d) and 7; 63/127, preamble and paras. 3 (d) and 8; and 64/115, preamble and paras. 4 (c) and 8.
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Afghanistan;\(^\text{85}\) (b) emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan and the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security;\(^\text{86}\) (c) peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine;\(^\text{87}\) (d) necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States against Cuba;\(^\text{88}\) (e) the situation in Afghanistan;\(^\text{89}\) (f) the occupied Syrian Golan;\(^\text{90}\) (g) the Syrian Golan;\(^\text{91}\) (h) Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem;\(^\text{92}\) and (i) assistance to the Palestinian people.\(^\text{93}\)

\(^{85}\) GA resolution 55/119, paras. 7 and 18.
\(^{86}\) GA resolutions 55/174 A, paras. 10, 16 and 29; and 58/27 A, paras. 11, 12, 16 and 18.
\(^{87}\) GA resolutions 57/110, para. 9; 58/21, para. 10; 61/25, para. 17; 62/83, para. 19; 63/29, para. 19; and 64/19, para. 22.
\(^{88}\) GA resolutions 63/7, paras. 2 and 3; and 64/6, paras. 2 and 3.
\(^{89}\) GA resolutions 63/18, paras. 5, 6, 57, 58, 59, 76 and 81; and 64/11, paras. 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 79, 83 and 86.
\(^{90}\) GA resolutions 63/99, para. 6; and 64/95, para. 6.
\(^{91}\) GA resolution 64/21, para. 7.
\(^{92}\) GA resolutions 63/98, para. 11; and 64/94, para. 11.
\(^{93}\) GA resolution 64/125, paras. 5, 12, 14, 15 and 19.