

# ARTICLE 13

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### TEXT OF ARTICLE 13

1. The General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of:

(a) promoting international co-operation in the political field and encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification;

(b) promoting international co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational, and health fields, and assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.

2. The further responsibilities, functions and powers of the General Assembly with respect to matters mentioned in paragraph 1(b) above are set forth in Chapters IX and X.

### INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. Article 13 contains provisions on the initiation of studies and the making of recommendations by the General Assembly concerning international co-operation in the political, legal, economic, social and human rights fields. Accordingly, as in the *Repertory* and its *Supplements Nos. 1, 2 and 3*, the Article is treated in three separate studies. The first, containing only a note, deals with the initiation of studies and recommendations made by the General Assembly for the purpose of promoting international co-operation in the political field, under paragraph (1)(a), first clause. The second deals with paragraph (1)(a), second clause, on the initiation of studies and the recommendations made by the General Assembly to encourage the progressive development of international law and its codification. The third deals with paragraphs (1)(b) and (2), on the initiation of studies and the recommendations made by the General Assembly to promote international co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields, and to assist in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

2. During the period under review, the close relation between the various fields of international co-operation envisaged in Article 13 was reflected in the General Assembly resolutions by which a number of studies were initiated.

3. The study of Article 13 (1)(a), second clause, reviews work in the field of the progressive development and codification of international law.

4. Relevant excerpts from the General Assembly resolutions requesting or authorizing studies in the economic, social, and related fields are contained in the annex to the study of Article 13 (1)(b) and (2). The annex is divided into five parts dealing with studies requested respectively from: the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary organs; from the Secretary-General; from other bodies and specialized agencies; from several bodies jointly; and from Member States.

### ARTICLE 13 (1) (a)

#### **With regard to the promotion of international co-operation in the political field**

*Text of Article 13 (1) (a). Provision relating to the promotion of international co-operation in the political field*

1. The General Assembly shall initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of:

(a) promoting international co-operation in the political field . . .

## NOTE

1. Certain decisions taken by the General Assembly during the period under review which had a bearing on the first part of the study on Article 13 (1) (a) have been treated in the second part of the study on that Article.

2. Thus, General Assembly resolutions 2160 (XXI), 2181 (XXI), 2327 (XXII), 2463 (XXIII) and 2533 (XXIV), regarding the formulation of certain principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, are dealt with in the second study.

3. Similarly, General Assembly resolutions 2330 (XXII), 2420 (XXIII) and 2549 (XXIV) on the question of defining aggression are dealt with in the second study.

4. The General Assembly, by resolution 2131 (XX), adopted the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their Independence and Sovereignty.<sup>1</sup> At its twenty-first session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 2225 (XXI) on the Status of Implementation of the Declaration, in which the Assembly, deeply concerned at the evidence of unceasing armed intervention by certain States in the domestic affairs of other States in different parts of the world and at other forms of direct or indirect interference committed against the sovereign personality and political independence of States, resulting in increased international tension, and reaffirming all the principles and rules em-

bodied in the said Declaration, called upon all States to carry out faithfully their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of the said Declaration and urged them to refrain from armed intervention or the promotion or organization of subversion, terrorism or other indirect forms of intervention for the purpose of changing by violence the existing system in another State or interfering in civil strife in another State.

5. Another resolution adopted by the General Assembly during the period under review, while making no explicit reference to Article 13 (1) (a), contained provisions relating to international co-operation in the political field. In resolution 2499 (XXIV), entitled "Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations", the General Assembly expressed its conviction *inter alia* that the twenty-fifth anniversary should be an occasion to strengthen the United Nations and make it more effective by reaffirming the faith of Governments and peoples in the purposes and principles of the Charter and renewing their endeavours to give them full effect, in particular the maintenance of international peace and security, the development of friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principles of equal rights, non-intervention, non-use of force and self-determination of peoples, and noted further that in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter, all Members were to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

<sup>1</sup> See *Repertory, Supplement No. 3*, vol. I, under Article 13 (1)(a), first clause, para. 5.