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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 B 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, 3 and 4, 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 . . .
of nations, the determination to respect the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States, and the determination to take concrete steps to fulfil the central task of the United Nations—the preservation of international peace and security.

4. It was noted in Supplement No. 4 that the General Assembly, by its resolution 2330 (XXII), established the Special Committee on the Question of Defining Aggression. In accordance with this and subsequent Assembly resolutions on the subject, the Assembly followed a procedure similar to the one adopted in the case of the codification and progressive development of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among States: the item was kept under review by the Assembly with the assistance of an Ad Hoc Committee composed not of experts but of Government representatives. At its twentieth session, on the basis of the Special Committee's report, the General Assembly approved the Definition of Aggression, the text of which was annexed to its resolution 3314 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974.

5. By resolution 3034 (XXVII) the General Assembly established an Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Terrorism consisting of thirty-five members to be appointed by the Presi- dent of the General Assembly bearing in mind the principle of equitable geographical representation. The relevant agenda item was entitled

"Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms, and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes".

In the preamble to resolution 3034 (XXVII), the Assembly recognized the "importance of international co-operation in devising measures effectively to prevent their occurrence and of studying their underlying causes with a view to finding just and peaceful solutions as quickly as possible" and, in operative paragraph 10, the Assembly requested the Ad Hoc Committee to "submit its report with recommendations for possible co-operation for the speedy elimination of the problem". After taking note of the Ad Hoc Committee's report, the General Assembly, by resolution 32/147, invited the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its work under the mandate of resolution 3034 (XXVII), "first by studying the underlying causes of terrorism and then by recommending practical measures to combat terrorism".

6. By resolution 3349 (XXIX) the General Assembly established the Ad Hoc Committee on the Charter of the United Nations. By resolution 3499 (XXX) the Assembly reconvened the Ad Hoc Committee as the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, consisting of forty-two members to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly with due regard for the principle of equitable geographical distribution. The aims of the Ad Hoc Committee, according to the resolution, were (a) to discuss in detail the observations received from Governments regarding the review of the Charter, (b) to consider any additional specific proposals that Governments might make with a view to enhancing the ability of the United Nations to achieve its purposes, (c) to consider other suggestions for the more effective functioning of the United Nations that might not require amendments to the Charter, and (d) to enumerate the proposals which had aroused particular interest in the Ad Hoc Committee.

7. Having considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee, the General Assembly, by resolution 3499 (XXX), decided to reconvene the Ad Hoc Committee as the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthen-
topic. By resolution 3497 (XXX), the Assembly expressed
the view that it was desirable to give Member States more
time to consider the report and decided to give further con-
sideration to the question at a future session.

NOTES

1 See Repertory, Supplement No. 4, vol. I, under Article 13(1)(a), first
clause, para. 5.

2 See Repertory, Supplement No. 4, vol. I, under Article 13(1)(o), paras
11-13.

3 G A resolutions 2420 (XXIII), 2549 (XXIV), 2644 (XXV), 2781
(XXVI), 2967 (XXVII) and 3105 (XXVIII).

4 G A (32), Suppl. No. 37 (A/32/37).

5 G A (30), Suppl. No. 33 (A/10033).

6 G A (33), Suppl. No. 33 (A/33/33).

7 G A (31), Annexes, a.i. 124, A/31/243, annex.

8 G A (33), Suppl. No. 4l (A/33/41 and Corr.1).