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ARTICLE 14

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TEXT OF ARTICLE 14

Subject to the provisions of Article 12, the General Assembly may recommend measures for the peaceful adjustment of any situation, regardless of origin, which it deems likely to impair the general welfare or friendly relations among nations, including situations resulting from a violation of the provisions of the present Charter setting forth the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. During the period under review, the General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions in the spirit of Article 14, some of which contained general references to the wording of the Article. However, no resolution made explicit reference to the provision.

2. Since there was no constitutional discussion of the Article as such, the present study consists only of a summary of practice.

SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

3. A number of resolutions relating to Palestine are relevant to Article 14, as a systematic reference, because the promotion of a peaceful adjustment to the situation in that region is a primary concern dating back to resolution 194 III of 11 December 1948.  

1 See resolutions 55/209, 56/204, 57/126, 59/251, 60/183, 63/201, 64/185 “Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources”; resolutions 55/173, 56/111, 57/147, 58/113, 59/56, 60/126, 61/135, 62/93, 63/140, 64/125 “Assistance to the Palestinian people”; resolutions 55/132, 56/61, 58/98, 59/123, 60/106, 61/118, 62/108, 63/97, 64/93 “Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including Jerusalem and the Occupied Syrian Golan”; resolutions 55/87, 56/142, 57/198, 58/163, 59/179, 60/146, 61/152, 62/146, 63/165, 64/150 “The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination”;
The first paragraph of that resolution reflects the text of Article 14 by indicating that “[The General Assembly] expresses its deep appreciation of the progress achieved through the good offices of the late United Nations Mediator in promoting a peaceful adjustment of the future situation of Palestine, for which he sacrificed his life.”

4. Article 14 was explicitly referred to in the Advisory Opinion rendered by the International Court of Justice on 9 July 2004 regarding the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.  


Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Advisory Opinion, I.C.J. Reports 2004, p. 136, at p. 148, para. 26. The question asked to the Court by the General Assembly was the following: “What are the legal consequences arising from the construction of the wall being built by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, as described in the report of the Secretary-General, considering the rules and principles of international law, including the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, and relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions?”

3 Resolutions 55/30 60/52, 61/56, 62/18, 63/38, 64/26 “Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East”; 62/56, 63/84, 64/66 “The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East”.  

4 Resolutions 60/32A, 61/18, 62/6, 63/18, 64/11 “The Situation in Afghanistan”; resolutions 55/174, 56/220 “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”.

5 Resolution 63/20 “Special economic assistance for Yemen”.
the “health, ecological, economic and humanitarian problems” in Kazakhstan\(^7\) and the occupied territories in Azerbaijan.\(^8\)

6. The General Assembly made recommendations on peace and security with regard to a number of situations in Africa, including general recommendations for “durable peace and sustainable development” in the region, as well as recommendations regarding assistance to the large number of African refugees and displaced persons.\(^9\) Specific recommendations were made with respect to the situations in Rwanda,\(^10\) Somalia,\(^11\) the Democratic Republic of the Congo,\(^12\) Djibouti,\(^13\) Liberia,\(^14\) the Sudan,\(^15\) Ethiopia,\(^16\) Malawi,\(^17\) Angola,\(^18\) Mozambique\(^19\) and Comoros.\(^20\)

7. The General Assembly made general recommendations on peace and security with respect to the situation of countries in Eastern Europe affected by developments in Balkans,\(^21\) countries in South Eastern Europe\(^22\) and the Mediterranean region.\(^23\) The Assembly also adopted specific recommendations with respect to the situations in the

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\(^6\) Resolutions 55/45, 56/10, 57/103 “Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and rehabilitation of Tajikistan”.
\(^7\) Resolution 60/216 “International cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan”.
\(^8\) Resolution 60/285 “The situation of the occupied territories of Azerbaijan”.
\(^9\) Resolution 55/217 “Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa”; resolutions 62/125, 63/149, 64/129 “Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa”.
\(^10\) Resolutions 60/225, 64/226 “Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence”.
\(^11\) Resolutions 55/168, 56/106, 57/154, 58/115, 59/218, 60/219 “Assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia”.
\(^12\) Resolutions 55/166, 56/100, 57/146, 58/123 “Special assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of the Congo”, encouraging the pursuit of sound macroeconomic policies and the promotion of good governance and the rule of law, and urging the Government “to exert all efforts for economic recovery and reconstruction despite the ongoing armed conflict”.
\(^13\) Resolutions 56/108, 58/116, 60/217 “Economic assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti”.
\(^14\) Resolutions 55/176, 57/151, 58/219 “Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia” urging the Government to “provide an enabling environment for the promotion of socio-economic development and a culture of sustained peace in the country, including a commitment to upholding the rule of law, national reconciliation and human rights and to implementing ways and means of reducing tension and promoting sustainable and peaceful political development in the subregion”; resolutions 61/218, 63/163 “Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia”.
\(^15\) Resolution 56/112 “Emergency assistance to the Sudan”.
\(^16\) Resolutions 57/194, 58/24, 59/217, 60/218 “Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia”.
\(^17\) Resolution 58/26, 58/34, 59/63 “Emergency humanitarian assistance to Malawi”.
\(^18\) Resolutions 57/102, 59/216, 61/219 “International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola”.
\(^19\) Resolutions 57/104, 59/214 “Assistance to Mozambique”.
\(^20\) Resolution 58/120 “Special emergency economic assistance for the recovery and the development of the Comoros”.
\(^21\) Resolutions 55/170, 56/110 “Economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans”.
\(^22\) Resolution 55/27 “Maintenance of international security in South-Eastern Europe”.
\(^23\) Resolution 55/38, 58/70, 63/86 “Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region”.

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8. The General Assembly made recommendations concerning peace and security in Central America generally, and specifically with regard to the situations in El Salvador and Guatemala as well as Honduras. It also called for an Andean “Zone of Peace”.

9. The General Assembly made recommendations concerning peace and security in Asia. Specifically, it recommended the creation of a nuclear weapons-free zone in Central Asia and made further recommendations with respect to the situation of the divided Korean peninsula.

10. The General Assembly declared “Zones of Peace” in the South Atlantic and the Indian Ocean. Additionally, specific recommendations on peace and security were made with regard to the development challenges in East Timor and the economic problems faced by the Philippines.

11. The General Assembly made recommendations with respect to the human rights situation in the following countries or regions: Haiti, the Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan, Iraq, The Islamic Republic of Iran, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

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25 Resolutions 55/24, 56/215, 57/10 “The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina”.
26 Resolution 59/215 “Humanitarian and special economic assistance to Serbia and Montenegro”.
27 Resolutions 55/178, 56/224, 63/19 “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”; resolution 58/117 “International assistance to and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America”.
28 Resolution 60/220 “Humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for El Salvador and Guatemala”.
29 Resolution 63/301 “Situation in Honduras: democracy breakdown”.
30 Resolution 59/54 “Andean Zone of Peace”.
31 Resolutions 61/88, 63/63 “Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia”.
32 Resolutions 55/11, 62/5 “Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula”.
33 Resolutions 55/49, 56/7, 57/13, 58/10, 61/294 “Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic”.
34 Resolutions 56/16, 58/29, 62/14, 64/23 “Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace”.
35 Resolutions 55/172, 56/104 “Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and development for East Timor”, urging United Nations organizations, the international community and non-governmental organizations to “continue their efforts aimed at the enhanced ownership and participation of the East Timorese, known as “Timorization” in East Timor, of the social, economic and administrative infrastructure, and in this regard stress[ing] the need for capacity-building, inter alia, in areas such as education, health, agriculture and rural development, the judiciary, governance and public administration, security and law and order”; resolutions 57/105, 58/12 “Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and development for Timor-Leste”.
36 Resolution 61/217 “Special economic assistance for the Philippines”.
37 Resolution 55/118 “Situation of human rights in Haiti”.
38 Resolutions 55/116, 56/175, 57/230 “Situation of human rights in the Sudan”.
40 Resolutions 56/176, 57/234 “Question of human rights in Afghanistan”.
41 Resolutions 55/115, 56/174, 57/232 “Human rights situation in Iraq”.

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Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus, South-eastern Europe, Myanmar, Cambodia and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

12. The General Assembly made recommendations with respect to the following situations involving natural disasters: the 2001 flooding in Bolivia, the 2001 earthquake in El Salvador, Hurricane Ida in El Salvador, the repeated flooding in Mozambique, Hurricane Keith in Belize, Hurricane Iris in Belize, the tsunami in the Indian Ocean, the earthquake disaster in South Asia and the oil slick on Lebanese shores.

13. Furthermore, the General Assembly adopted numerous recommendations regarding the right to self-determination in respect of the following territories: American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands, Tokelau, New Caledonia, Western Sahara and East Timor.

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43 Resolutions 58/194, 59/206, 60/172 “Situation of human rights in Turkmenistan”.
44 Resolution 60/174 “Situation of human rights in Uzbekistan”.
45 Resolutions 61/175, 62/169 “Situation of human rights in Belarus”.
46 Resolutions 55/113 56/174 “Situation of human rights in parts of South-eastern Europe”.
48 Resolutions 55/95, 56/169, 57/225, 58/191 “Situation of human rights in Cambodia”.
49 Resolutions 60/173, 61/174, 62/167, 63/190, 64/175 “Situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea”.
50 Resolution 55/241 “Assistance to Bolivia as a result of the flooding experienced in recent months”.
51 Resolution 55/240 “Assistance to El Salvador as a result of the earthquake of 13 January 2001”.
52 Resolution 64/74 “Humanitarian assistance, emergency relief and rehabilitation for El Salvador as a result of the devastating effects of Hurricane Ida”.
53 Resolution 55/167 “Assistance to Mozambique”.
54 Resolution 55/165 “Emergency assistance to Belize”.
55 Resolution 56/11 “Emergency assistance to Belize”.
56 Resolution 60/15 “Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster”.
57 Resolution 60/13 “Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in Pakistan in the aftermath of the South Asian earthquake disaster”.
58 Resolutions 61/194, 62/188, 63/211, 64/195 “Oil slick on Lebanese shores”.
59 Resolutions 55/144, 56/72, 57/138, 58/108, 59/134, 60/117A-B, 61/128A-B, 62/118, 63/108A-B, 64/104A-B “Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands”.
60 Resolutions 55/143, 56/71, 57/137, 58/107, 59/134, 60/116, 61/127, 62/121, 63/107, 64/103 “Question of Tokelau”.
62 Resolutions 55/141, 56/69, 57/135, 58/109, 59/131, 60/114, 61/125, 62/116, 63/408, 64/101 “Question of Western Sahara”.
63 Resolution 56/282 “Question of East Timor”.