

raised from 3.12 to 3.17). In addition, the Secretary-General was authorized to accept the offer of the City of New York to provide a "platform" site over the East River for the construction of a new building for the United Nations International School.

## Sixth Committee

### *Principles of Friendly Relations*<sup>1</sup>

Most of the debates in the Sixth Committee at the twentieth session were devoted to a consideration of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations among states and, in particular, to the report of the special committee on this question which, at its meetings in Mexico City in 1964, discussed the first four principles: refraining from the threat or use of force in international relations; the peaceful settlement of disputes; non-intervention in matters within the domestic jurisdiction of any state; and the sovereign equality of states. A related item submitted by Madagascar<sup>2</sup> was also considered during the debate, which concluded with a general discussion on the remaining three principles of friendly relations: the duty of states to co-operate with one another in accordance with the Charter; the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples; and the principle that states shall fulfill in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with the Charter. After lengthy negotiations, a compromise resolution was approved unanimously which added Algeria, Chile, Kenya and Syria to the special committee; directed it to meet in New York as soon as possible and to continue the consideration of all seven principles with a view to enabling the Assembly to adopt a declaration containing an enumeration of these principles; and requested it to submit a comprehensive report to the twenty-first session of the Assembly. The special committee was also asked to take the Madagascar proposal into consideration when drafting its report.

This resolution represented a reconciliation of differences among the various groups over the size and composition of the special committee: whether it should be directed to achieve a consensus with respect to its specific formulations; whether it should continue where it left off at Mexico City or,

<sup>1</sup>The full title of this item was "Consideration of Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation Among States in Accordance with the Charter of the United Nations". See also Page 19 for the related items regarding the peaceful settlement of disputes and the declaration on the inadmissibility of intervention.

<sup>2</sup>The full title of this item was "Observance by Member States of the Principles Relating to the Sovereignty of States, Their Territorial Integrity, Non-Intervention in Their Domestic Affairs, the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes and the Condemnation of Subversive Activities".