

APPENDIX XXV

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Resolution of the Assembly, December 11, 1946

The General Assembly,

Recognizes the obligation laid upon it by Article 13, paragraph 1, subparagraph *a* of the Charter to initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification;

Realizes the need for a careful and thorough study of what has already been accomplished in this field as well as of the projects and activities of official and unofficial bodies engaged in efforts to promote the progressive development and formulation of public and private international law, and the need for a report on the methods whereby the General Assembly may most effectively discharge its obligations under the above-mentioned provision:

Therefore,

Resolves to establish a Committee of seventeen Members of the United Nations to be appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the President, each of these Members to have one representative on the Committee;

Directs the Committee to study:

- (a) the methods by which the General Assembly should encourage the progressive development of international law and its eventual codification;
 - (b) methods of securing the co-operation of the several organs of the United Nations to this end;
 - (c) methods of enlisting the assistance of such national or international bodies as might aid in the attainment of this objective;
- and to report to the General Assembly at its next regular session.

Requests the Secretary-General to provide such assistance as the Committee may require for its work.

At the same plenary meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the President, appointed the following States to serve on the Committee:

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Egypt, France, India, Netherlands, Panama, Poland, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.