

Secretary-General to circulate these comments as soon as they are received and, finally, it will request him to include this item on the provisional agenda of the tenth, rather than the ninth, session of the General Assembly. We prefer the tenth session to the ninth session for two reasons: (a) it will give governments more time to devote the proper study to this important matter and (b) there are already two very important and lengthy items to be considered at our ninth session, namely, International Criminal Jurisdiction and the Question of Defining Aggression.

NOTE: The following is the text of the resolution adopted by the Sixth Committee on November 17, 1953 (U.N. Doc. A/C.6/L.321). It was approved by a vote of 42 in favour (including Canada), none against and nine abstentions. This eight-power resolution was sponsored by Canada in company with Argentina, Chile, Egypt, France, India, Sweden and Syria.

"The General Assembly.

Noting the draft on arbitral procedure prepared by the International Law Commission at its fifth session,

Considering that the said draft includes certain important elements with respect to the progressive development of international law on arbitral procedure,

Considering that, having regard to the importance of the topic, the Governments of Member States should have an opportunity of making known their views on that draft on arbitral procedure in the light of the discussion which has taken place at the current session of the General Assembly.

1. Decides to transmit to Member States the draft on arbitral procedure prepared by the International Law Commission together with the observations made thereon by the Sixth Committee at the current session of the General Assembly with a view to the submission by Governments of whatever comments they may deem appropriate, if possible, before 1 January, 1955;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate to Member States any comments he may receive and to include the question in the provisional agenda of the tenth session."