

law-making instrument devised in the history of man. With all its imperfections, of which we as lawyers are aware, the Charter of the United Nations has achieved more in regulating the affairs of nations than any other treaty, or perhaps even than the totality of all other treaties. Amongst the reasons why this is so are that, as pointed out in the draft resolution, the Charter records the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours. There can hardly be a more forward looking declaration even though conceived nearly two decades ago.

Obviously, however, the mere existence of the United Nations Charter is, of itself, not sufficient to bring about the development of the rule of law amongst nations. If I may refer again to the language of the Resolution, the fulfillment by member states of their duty to cooperate actively with one another through the United Nations, and to respect international rights and perform in good faith, treaty and other international obligations, is essential for the creation of conditions of stability and well-being necessary for the achievement of peaceful and friendly relations among states.

Even strict adherence to treaty rights and the rules of customary international law is, however, no longer sufficient in the world in which we live. It is becoming increasingly evident that there is a close relationship between the progressive development of international law and the ultimate establishment (through the promotion of international cooperation in the economic, social, cultural, education and health fields, and through the realization of human rights and fundamental freedom for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion), of conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained. It is clear, of course, that many of these activities, highly desirable as they are, do not fall within