

the draft articles. It decided to defer a decision on Article 40 until the eighteenth session. The Commission adopted, in all, revised texts of 19 articles. It also decided to devote its next session to the consideration of the law of treaties and to the draft articles on special missions. At the beginning of the regular eighteenth session, held in Geneva in the summer of 1966, it became apparent that consideration of the law of treaties would take up almost the whole of that session. As the Commission was anxious to complete its study of the draft articles on that subject during its eighteenth session, it decided to give priority to that topic and to devote only a limited amount of time to consideration of the draft articles on special missions. The draft articles on the law of treaties, as finally adopted by the ILC at the session, consist of 75 articles.

During its eighteenth session, the ILC recommended "that the General Assembly should convene an international conference of plenipotentiaries to study the Commission's draft articles on the Law of Treaties and to conclude a convention on that subject". Taking into account the previous codification conferences, the Sixth Committee studied the following problems raised by such a conference:

- 1) The date and the place of the conference;
- 2) the question as to whether the conference, when dealing with the draft articles in the committee stage, should meet in a single committee of the whole or in two committees of the whole;
- 3) the estimated duration of the conference and the question as to whether it should take place in one or two stages;
- 4) the controversial question of which states should be invited to such a conference.

After a vote, it was decided in the Sixth Committee:

- 1) That the Secretary-General should convoke, at Geneva or at any other suitable place for which an invitation is received by the Secretary-General before the twenty-second session of the General Assembly, the first session of the proposed conference early in 1968 and the second session early in 1969;
- 2) that there would be only one committee of the whole;
- 3) that only states members of the United Nations, states members of the Specialized Agencies, states parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, and states that the General Assembly decided specially to invite should be invited to participate in the conference.