

## II

Under Article 96, paragraph 2, of the Charter, the General Assembly is empowered to authorize other organs of the United Nations and specialized agencies to request advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice on legal questions arising within the scope of their activities.

The Trusteeship Council, as one of the principal organs of the United Nations, and in view of the functions and powers conferred upon it by Chapters XII and XIII of the Charter, should be authorized to request advisory opinions on legal questions arising within the scope of its activities.

*The General Assembly, Therefore,*

*Authorizes* the Trusteeship Council to request advisory opinions of the International Court of Justice on legal questions arising within the scope of the activities of the Council.

## III

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that, in virtue of Article 1 of the Charter, international disputes should be settled in conformity with the principles of justice and international law;

*Considering* that the International Court of Justice could settle or assist in settling such disputes if, by the full application of the provisions of the Charter and of the Statute of the Court, more frequent use were made of its services;

1. *Draws the attention* of the States which have not yet accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court in accordance with Article 36, paragraphs 2 and 5 of the Statute to the desirability of the greatest possible number of States accepting this jurisdiction with as few reservations as possible;

2. *Draws the attention* of States Members to the advantage of inserting in conventions and treaties arbitration clauses providing, without prejudice to Article 95 of the Charter, for the submission of disputes which may arise from the interpretation or application of such conventions or treaties, preferably and as far as possible to the International Court of Justice;

3. *Recommends* as a general rule that States should submit their legal disputes to the International Court of Justice.