PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, with a view to ensuring that the International Court of Justice shall enjoy the privileges, immunities and facilities necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes, in the country of its seat and elsewhere, invites the members of the Court at their first Session to consider this question and to inform the Secretary-General of their recommendations.

2. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY decides that the question of the privileges and immunities of the Court shall be considered as soon as possible after the receipt of the recommendations of the Court.

3. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY recommends that, until further action has been taken, the rules which have been applied to the Permanent Court of International Justice should be observed by Members in relation to the International Court of Justice.

III

UNIFICATION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES ENJOYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE VARIOUS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY considers that there are many advantages in the unification as far as possible of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the United Nations and the various specialized agencies.

While recognizing that not all specialized agencies require all the privileges and immunities which may be needed by others, and that certain of these may, by reason of their particular functions, require privileges of a special nature which are not required by the United Nations itself, the General Assembly considers that the privileges and immunities of the United Nations should be regarded, as a general rule, as a maximum within which the various specialized agencies should enjoy such privileges and immunities as the appropriate fulfilment of their respective functions may require, and that no privileges and immunities which are not really necessary should be asked for.

THEREFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL to open negotiations with a view to the reconsideration in the light of both the General Convention adopted by the United Nations and of the considerations above, of the provisions under which the specialized agencies at present enjoy privileges and immunities.