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Supplementary Paper

Text of Resolution

No. 54/36/UN9/13
REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION
ON THE WORK OF ITS SIXTH SESSION

Text of statement on November 15, 1954, by Mr. Charles Stein, Q.C., Canadian Representative in the Sixth Committee at the ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, on agenda item 49 - Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session

Note: The text of the resolution adopted by the Committee and the results of the voting are included at the end of the statement.

I wish to speak very briefly on the draft resolution which is Document A/C.6/L.338 and to say that we are pleased to be associated with the distinguished delegations of Brazil, Denmark and India in submitting this proposal.

In my statement last Friday, November 12, I set out the reasons which we feel warrant the procedure we are now proposing. However, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, I wish to make clear the object of this resolution and the intention of its sponsors.

The text we are submitting does express the view that the question of a draft definition of aggression and the question of a draft code of offences against the peace and security of mankind are interdependent and it does propose the postponement of the latter project. On the other hand, this does not mean that we advocate immediate adjournment of the debate on this third item of our agenda. We have no intention of depriving members of the Committee of the opportunity to comment at this time on the substance of the question if they feel so disposed. Our thought in introducing this resolution now merely is that if it commends itself to the Committee it will provide an objective towards which the debate might be directed.

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Following is the text of a resolution (U.N. Doc. A/C.6/L.338) adopted by the Sixth Committee on November 18, 1954, by a vote of 46 in favour (including Canada) to 0 against, with 3 abstentions; and by the 32nd plenary meeting on December 4, 1954, by a vote of 54 in favour (including Canada) to 0 against, with 3 abstentions.

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The General Assembly,

Considering that the draft code of offences against the peace and security of mankind as formulated in Chapter III of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixth session (A/2693) raises problems closely related to that of the definition of aggression,

Considering that by its resolution of 1954 the General Assembly decided to entrust to a special committee of States the task of preparing and submitting to the General Assembly at its eleventh session a detailed report on the question of defining aggression and a draft definition of aggression,

Expresses its appreciation of the work done by the International Law Commission;

Decides to postpone further consideration of the draft code until the said special committee on the question of defining aggression has submitted its report.

