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UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY,  
DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1758th plenary meeting, on 20 September 1969, the General Assembly included the item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Secretary-General" in the agenda of its twenty-fourth session and allocated the item to the Sixth Committee.

2. The item was included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session in pursuance of paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2464 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968. By that resolution, the General Assembly, inter alia, authorized the Secretary-General to carry out in 1969 the activities specified in his report<sup>1/</sup> on the implementation of the Programme established by General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX) of 20 December 1965; requested him to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1968; and asked him to submit, following consultations with the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1970.

<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, annex, agenda item 89, document A/7305.

3. The draft report of the Secretary-General, giving an account of steps taken or planned by the United Nations, by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and by the United Nations Institute of Training and Research in furtherance of the objectives of the Programme, was considered by the Advisory Committee at its fourth session, held on 6 and 7 October 1969. The Advisory Committee endorsed the recommendations which the Secretary-General had submitted regarding the execution of the Programme in 1970 and recommended that he should submit these recommendations to the General Assembly for its approval. The Advisory Committee requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session, following consultations with the Advisory Committee and with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, on the results of his consideration during 1970 of what further steps might be taken in order to strengthen assistance relating to international trade law within the framework of the present Programme. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Secretary-General should recommend to the General Assembly that the Assembly should reiterate its request for voluntary contributions for the Programme from Member States and others. The Secretary-General concurred in these recommendations of the Advisory Committee. The Secretary-General's report (A/7740), having been revised to take account of the proceedings of the Advisory Committee, was issued on 12 November 1969 and placed before the Sixth Committee.
4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 1172nd and 1173rd meetings held on 5 and 8 December 1969.

## II. PROPOSAL

5. At the 1172nd meeting, on 5 December 1969, the representative of the Secretary-General introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/7740) and drew the attention of the Sixth Committee to paragraphs 62 to 65 of the report in which the financial implications of United Nations participation in the Programme for 1970 were recorded.
6. At the same meeting, the representative of Ecuador introduced a draft resolution sponsored by Ecuador, Ghana and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/C.6/L.787). A revised version of the draft resolution, containing an amendment proposed by the representative of Brazil, at the 1172nd meeting, was also sponsored by Brazil, Camercon, Cyprus, Ecuador, Ghana, Mauritius, the Philippines and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/C.6/L.787/Rev.1). Chile and Kenya subsequently became co-sponsors of the revised draft resolution.

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### III. VOTING

7. At its 1173rd meeting, on 8 December 1969, the Sixth Committee adopted unanimously the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/L.787/Rev.1 (see paragraph 8 below).

### IV. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

8. The Sixth Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study,  
Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law,<sup>2/</sup>

Considering that, in the conduct of the Programme, it is desirable to use as far as possible the resources and facilities made available by the international organizations concerned, by Member States and others,

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General to carry out in 1970 the activities specified in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, and in particular to provide:

(a) Fifteen fellowships at the request of Governments of developing countries;

(b) Current United Nations legal publications to institutions in developing countries which have previously received United Nations legal publications under the present Programme, and to other institutions in developing countries for which requests for such publications are made by the Member States concerned;

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<sup>2/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-third Session, Annexes, agenda item 89, document A/7305.

2. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its participation in the Programme, particularly with respect to the assistance provided in the development of the teaching of international law;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for its participation in the Programme, particularly in the organization of regional seminars and training courses, in the preparation of studies in international law, and in the conduct of the United Nations - UNITAR fellowship programme in international law;

4. Reiterates its request to Member States and interested bodies and individuals to make voluntary contributions towards the financing of the Programme and expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have made voluntary contributions for this purpose;

5. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue consultations with the bodies concerned in order that regional seminars and training courses under the Programme should continue to include topics relating to international trade law, in order to meet the need for developing local expertise in international trade law, particularly in the developing countries;

(b) To consult with the Advisory Committee on the Programme and with United Nations organs, specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions active in the field of international trade law concerning the feasibility of establishing, within their respective programmes at selected universities or other institutions in developing countries, regional institutes or chairs for training in the field of international trade law;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session on the implementation of the Programme during 1970 and, following consultations with the Advisory Committee, to submit recommendations regarding the execution of the Programme in 1971;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-fifth session an item entitled "United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law".