

V. TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE

Note by the Secretary-General: training and assistance in the field of international trade law (A/CN.9/121)*

1. In connexion with the eighth session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, an international symposium on the role of universities and research centres in the teaching, dissemination and wider appreciation of international trade law was held in Geneva from 14 to 18 April 1975.

2. At the close of the symposium, the first under the Commission's programme of training and assistance in the field of international trade law, the participants adopted a resolution which they requested should be put before the Commission. The text of that resolution appears as an annex to this note.

ANNEX

Resolution of the Symposium on International Trade Law

This Symposium

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) for the work of the Commission and its secretariat in convening the Symposium, as well as to those Governments which have made voluntary contributions for the implementation of the proposal, whereby it has been made possible for the participants to come to Geneva to observe the work of the Commis-

sion and to discuss the role of universities and research centres in the teaching and dissemination and wider appreciation of international trade law;

2. *Expresses its view* that international trade law is an appropriate discipline for teaching and research in universities and research centres, whilst recognizing that there are differences between the needs and problems in relation thereto in the countries from which the participants have come;

3. *Expresses its wish* that its participants should be able to continue more detailed discussions of these needs and problems, and to exchange further information;

4. *Expresses its hope* that UNCITRAL will concur and cooperate in the attainment of these objectives by offering its resources and good offices

(a) To complete the programme of work undertaken by UNCITRAL in the preparation and circulation of bibliographies on international trade law;

(b) To continue to give the widest dissemination to its reports and deliberations;

(c) To request member governments of UNCITRAL to establish a fund to promote teaching and research in international trade law by encouraging, promoting, and assisting exchanges of scholars;

(d) To serve generally as a centre of exchange and communication between scholars engaged in teaching and research in the field of international trade law.

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