

**48/3. Observer status for the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the desire of the Permanent Court of Arbitration to intensify its cooperation with the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to invite the Permanent Court of Arbitration to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

*29th plenary meeting  
13 October 1993*

**48/4. Observer status for the Latin American Parliament in the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the desire of the Latin American Parliament for increased cooperation with the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to invite the Latin American Parliament to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

*29th plenary meeting  
13 October 1993*

**48/5. Observer status for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in the General Assembly**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* the desire of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to intensify its cooperation with the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to invite the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

*29th plenary meeting  
13 October 1993*

**48/6. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of the Four Nations on General Security**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the adoption in Moscow on 30 October 1943 of the Declaration of the Four Nations on General Security, which, *inter alia*, called for the establishment at the earliest practicable date of a general international organization, based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all peace-loving

States and open to membership by all such States, large or small, for the maintenance of international peace and security,

*Decides* to commemorate in its plenary meeting on 1 November 1993 the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of the Four Nations on General Security of 30 October 1943.

*32nd plenary meeting  
19 October 1993*

**48/7. Assistance in mine clearance**

*The General Assembly,*

*Gravely alarmed* by the increasing presence of mines and other unexploded devices resulting from armed conflicts,

*Dismayed* by the high number of victims of mines, especially among civilian populations, and taking note in this context of resolution 1993/83 of the Commission on Human Rights of 10 March 1993,<sup>3</sup> on the effects of armed conflicts on children's lives,

*Gravely concerned* by the serious humanitarian, social, economic and ecological disruption which can be caused by the failure to remove mines and other unexploded devices,

*Bearing in mind* the serious threat which mines and other unexploded devices pose to the safety, the health and the lives of personnel participating in humanitarian, peace-keeping and rehabilitation operations,

*Aware* that mines constitute an obstacle to reconstruction and economic development as well as to the restoration of normal social conditions,

*Considering* that, in addition to the responsibilities incumbent upon States, there is scope for the United Nations to strengthen its contribution to the solution of problems relating to mine clearance,

*Taking note with interest*, in this regard, of the recommendations made by the Secretary-General in paragraph 58 of his report of 17 June 1992 entitled "An Agenda for Peace",<sup>4</sup> as well as in his report of 15 June 1993,<sup>5</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 47/120 B of 20 September 1993 on the "Agenda for Peace",

*Taking note* of the statement made by the President of the Security Council on 26 February 1993,<sup>6</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 47/56 of 9 December 1992 on the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects,<sup>7</sup> and in particular on the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II),<sup>7</sup>

*Noting with interest*, in this regard, the convening by the Secretary-General of a review conference to amend the above-mentioned Convention and in particular its Protocol II,

*Noting with satisfaction* the inclusion in the mandate of several peace-keeping operations of provisions relating to mine clearance,

*Commending* the activities already undertaken by the United Nations system, the International Committee of the Red Cross