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**Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the  
United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of  
the Organization**

## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 2021

[*on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/76/475, para. 12)*]

**76/116. Fortieth anniversary of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful  
Settlement of International Disputes**

*The General Assembly,*

*Acknowledging* that 15 November 2022 will mark the fortieth anniversary of the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution [37/10](#) of 15 November 1982, which was adopted without a vote,

*Recalling* that the Manila Declaration was negotiated on the initiative of Egypt, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, the Philippines, Romania, Sierra Leone and Tunisia and on the basis of a text prepared by the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization,

*Recalling also* that the Manila Declaration was the first instrument adopted by the General Assembly as a result of the work of the Special Committee,

*Recalling further* that the Manila Declaration is a landmark declaration on the peaceful settlement of international disputes, building upon the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its Article 33,

*Recalling* that the International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations,

1. *Recognizes* the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes<sup>1</sup> as a concrete accomplishment of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution [37/10](#), annex.



Organization, and welcomes the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration;

2. *Reiterates its call* to all States to observe and promote in good faith the Manila Declaration in the peaceful settlement of their international disputes;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations and all Member States to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Manila Declaration through appropriate activities;

4. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution shall be met from voluntary contributions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and all relevant stakeholders for observance.

*49th plenary meeting  
9 December 2021*

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