

voting against the resolution asking the International Law Commission to study the problem of an international judicial organ. The voting on this resolution was 43 to 6 with 3 abstentions.

The convention, the text of which may be found in Appendix III, was opened for signature on the last day of the Assembly meeting, and was signed by twenty-one member States. The leader of the *New Zealand* delegation informed the Secretary-General that he would not be in a position to sign the convention until the appropriate authorities in New Zealand had had an opportunity of examining it.

The convention will come into force when twenty instruments of ratification or accession have been deposited.

Permanent Invitation to the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States to be Present at Assembly Sessions

The Committee considered an *Argentinian* proposal to issue a standing invitation to the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States to attend the meetings of the General Assembly on the same terms as those on which the Secretary-General of the United Nations had attended the meetings of the Organization of American States.

Opposing the proposal, the *Soviet* delegate stated that no provision of the Charter laid down that a permanent invitation could be extended to the Secretary-General of an organization not connected with the United Nations. Moreover, the proposal was unnecessary since the Assembly sessions were public and any one was able to attend. In reply, the *Argentinian* delegate claimed that his proposal was based on paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article 52, which required the Security Council to encourage the development of pacific settlement of local disputes through regional agencies. It was therefore not possible to contend that such agencies had no legal status. He presented a draft resolution providing that the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States should be invited to be present as an observer at sessions of the Assembly. After further discussions this text was adopted by the Committee by 41 votes (N.Z.) to 5 with 5 abstentions.

In the Assembly the draft resolution was adopted by 34 votes (N.Z. to 6 with 2 abstentions.

Registration and Publication of Treaties and International Agreements

In his report on this subject the Secretary-General gave an account of material and technical difficulties met with during the year.

Two draft resolutions were submitted to the Committee. The first, put forward by *Belgium*, instructed the Secretary-General to ensure that registered treaties or agreements were published with the least possible delay, and that the translations reached the highest possible level of accuracy and precision. The second, a *United States* draft,