Article 52

Declaration on the prohibition of military, political or economic coercion in the conclusion of treaties

The United Nations Conference on the Law of Treaties,

Upholding the principle that every treaty in force is binding upon the parties to it and must be performed by them in good faith,

Reaffirming the principle of the sovereign equality of States,

Convinced that States must have complete freedom in performing any act relating to the conclusion of a treaty,

Deploring the fact that in the past States have sometimes been forced to conclude treaties under pressure exerted in various forms by other States,

Desiring to ensure that in the future no such pressure will be exerted in any form by any State in connexion with the conclusion of a treaty,

1. Solemnly condemns the threat or use of pressure in any form, whether military, political, or economic, by any State, in order to coerce another State to perform any act relating to the conclusion of a treaty in violation of the principles of the sovereign equality of States and freedom of consent,

2. Decides that the present Declaration shall form part of the Final Act of the Conference on the Law of Treaties.

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**Materials:**

*Proposal by the Netherlands:* OR 1968 CoW 328 f, para. 1.

*Minutes:* OR 1968 CoW 328 ff; OR 1969 Plenary 91 ff, 100 ff, 168 f.

*Vienna Conference Vote:* 102:0:4

*Selected Literature* (in addition to the literature mentioned in *Article 52, q.v.*):


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