

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 15/2000

LEGAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The 69th Conference of the International Law Association, held in London, United Kingdom, 25-29 July 2000:

TAKING NOTE of the Fourth Report (2000) of the Committee on Legal Aspects of Sustainable Development;

HAVING BEEN INFORMED of the report concerning the seminar on *Mercosul, Human Rights and Sustainable Development*, held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 26-2 July 1999;

EMPHASIZING that sustainable development is a matter of concern both to developing and industrialised countries and should be integrated into all relevant fields of policy in order to secure the goals of environmental protection, development and human rights, recognizing the critical relevance of the gender dimension in all these areas and keeping in view the aim of practical and effective implementation;

CONCERNED about the ability of developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, to participate in the global economy and to benefit from globalization;

NOTING with great interest the increasingly recognized status of sustainable development as a concept of international law, especially in treaty law, judicial decisions at international and national levels and in literature;

CONVINCED of the role that international law could play in clarifying the concept of sustainable development and in promoting the development of a balanced and comprehensive international law in the field of sustainable development and according due weight to both the developmental and environmental concerns;

REQUESTS the Committee to continue its work of preparing an ILA Declaration of Principles of International Law in the Field of Sustainable Development, with a view to identifying existing and new principles of international law in the field of sustainable development and promoting a balanced and comprehensive international law in this field;

INVITES all branches to comment on an early draft with commentary and answer to the questions posed;

ENDORSES the Committee's aim of presenting a complete draft of such a Declaration, together with a Commentary, at the 70th ILA Conference to be held in New Delhi in 2002;

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to forward the Report of the Committee and this Resolution to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development, the UN human rights committees, UNCTAD, UNEP, the WTO, the World Bank and other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their consideration and as a source for their preparations for the review of the results achieved since the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development ("Rio +10").