

## **RESOLUTION No.9/2016**

### **STUDY GROUP ON PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS**

The 77<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Law Association, held in Johannesburg, South Africa, 7 -11 August 2016:

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the increasing relevance of preferential trade agreements;

**DESIRING** to assist negotiators and scholars in dealing with the various and complex issues that arise in this context;

**NOTING WITH SATISFACTION** the conclusion of the work of the Study Group on Preferential Trade Agreements;

**THANKS** the Co-Chairs, the Co-Rapporteurs and the members of the Study Group for the valuable work done;

**COMMENDS** the Final Report of the Study Group to the membership of the Association and to relevant stakeholders;

**TAKES NOTE** of the wish of the Study Group that the Executive Council of the ILA establishes a Committee to continue the work on this topic;

**RECOMMENDS** that the Study Group be dissolved.