

The contribution made by the Court during the twenty-four years of its existence not only to the development of international law, but—what is more important—to the extension of the rule of law in the field of international politics, was fully recognized and acclaimed. The delegate of Poland expressed a general feeling when he paid a tribute to the influence which the work of the Court had exercised upon a whole generation of lawyers. The dissolution of the Court does not involve death, but rather reappearance in a new guise.

14. With respect to the Court, the resolution adopted by the Assembly took note of the existing situation, including the resignation of all the judges of the old Court and the establishment by the United Nations of the new Court of International Justice, and declared the Court dissolved with effect from the day following the close of the session of the Assembly.

*Assumption by the United Nations of certain Functions, Powers, and Activities of the League*

15. Apart from its purely political activities the League has been responsible for the exercise of a large number of important functions, both those entrusted to it by Governments under various international agreements and those pertaining to the numerous technical organs established by the League itself. The contribution made by the League in these fields of international co-operation are so well known as to require no special mention. The numerous publications by the Secretariat on economic and financial problems, together with the work done by the League in respect of such matters as health, communications, child welfare, slavery, the traffic in women and children, and the drug traffic, constitute the most notable achievements of the League.

16. Reference has already been made to the decisions taken by the General Assembly of the United Nations in regard to its willingness to assume certain of these functions, and it was the task of the League Assembly to facilitate the transfer—a task made easier by the unremitting efforts of the Secretariat during the war years to keep the work in being.

17. The Assembly accordingly adopted two resolutions, the first relating to those functions and powers entrusted to the League under various treaties and international agreements; the second to other activities of a non-political character. The purport of the former was to direct the Secretary-General of the League to transfer to the Secretary-General of the United Nations all the original signed texts of treaties and other international agreements now deposited with the League,