INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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With increasing frequency during the last half a century there have been groups of persons who by acts of indiscriminate, violent and destructive atrocities, have attempted to shock, numb, weaken, demoralize and destabilize states in the hope that the governments against whom such acts of terrorism are directed will in despair rather than on account of conviction or political accommodation and compromise, be coerced either into accepting their demands or handing over the reins of office to them. When such activities were conducted on foreign territories, they ceased to be solely matters of domestic interest and became matters of international concern. With the phenomenal advances in international communications in every sphere, such activities have escalated to alarming levels. From time to time, there have been complaints that certain States seem to be encouraging terrorism either actively or passively despite the fact that in 1970 the General Assembly of the United Nations in its Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations stated that:

> "Every State has the duty to refrain from organizing, instigating, assisting or participating in acts of civil strife or terrorist acts in another state or acquiescing in organized activities within its territory directed towards the commission of such acts when the acts referred to in the present paragraph involve a threat of use of force

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