

**Section of International Law; Section of Corporation, Banking and Business Law
(Midyear Meeting 1973)**

WHEREAS, Normally, and in the absence of treaty or other binding provisions to the contrary, such as expressed in the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, international treaties and agreements should be changed by mutual consent and not by unilateral denunciation by any party thereto; and

WHEREAS, The Burke-Hartke Bill (H.R.62 and S.151 introduced in the 93rd Congress as "The Foreign Trade and Investment Act of 1973") would in its present form have the effect of unilaterally repudiating certain treaty obligations to which the United States is a party, primarily in the fields of taxation, movement of capital and goods, and patent and industrial rights;

RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association oppose the unilateral denunciation by the United States, implicit in the Burke-Hartke Bill, of certain treaty obligations of the United States, and that the American Bar Association express its serious doubt that the Burke-Hartke Bill is the appropriate method to revise other international obligations of the United States;

RESOLVED, That the President or his delegate is authorized to appear before the appropriate Committee of the Congress and take such other action as may be appropriate to express the above views of the Association.