

by all organs of the United Nations as well as for a scale of priorities involving consideration of the alternative uses of funds.

Before closing I would like to discuss briefly three other areas which this Committee will be considering later in the Session. The first of these concerns the question of the geographic distribution of posts in the Secretariat. This question was first considered as far back as 1946, and over the years, various suggestions have been made to achieve a more equitable geographical distribution. Canada is convinced of the need for improvement in this situation but has consistently argued that better geographical distribution must not compromise the integrity, morale and efficiency of the Secretariat. For example, in 1946 thirty out of fifty-two members had either no staff or staff below the desirable range, while by 1960 only fifteen out of eighty-two members were in this category. I would like to congratulate the Secretary-General and his staff for their efforts to further improve the situation and hope that in the near future all member states will be adequately represented.

My second point concerns the scale of assessments. My Delegation firmly supports the report of the Committee on Contributions and regrets that the expert body, which was to meet to consider certain highly technical matters, was unable to do so because of the failure of some members to send delegates.

My third and final point concerns the scheduling and financing of conferences and meetings. I would ask delegates to recall my earlier remarks concerning the desirability of taking the opportunity offered in a period of stabilization to reappraise and scrutinize past practices in an effort to develop sound procedures for the scheduling and financing of international meetings. In this regard my Delegation supports the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee.