

In situations in which the Security Council recommends that the costs of a particular peacekeeping operation involving heavy expenditure are to be apportioned among the members of the organization, we also believe that provision should be made for the equitable sharing of the costs on the basis of a model special scale. Such a model scale can be very simple in itself providing a guideline for more detailed special scales to be used in specific instances.

A number of countries have suggested the establishment of a finance committee to recommend the specific variations in a model special scale which might be necessary to reflect the particular circumstances of the operation being financed. It seems to my Delegation that the desirable involvement of the General Assembly in working out an apportionment formula might well be met by some form of finance committee which could have links both with the General Assembly and with the Security Council and which would be asked to suggest an appropriate and detailed apportionment scale in each case. R.18, as suggested by India, or any reasonable alternative, would undoubtedly prove to be very helpful to the work of the proposed Committee when it was developing its specific recommendations.

At our last meeting Ambassador Matsui suggested the establishment of a standing finance committee of the General Assembly composed of representatives of states from five groups of contributors including at least four permanent members of the Security Council. I also note that, at the