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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Concluded)

Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee

During 1963, the Fifth Committee, under its general responsibility, considered the financial implications of a number of Assembly decisions, arranged for the provision of adequate funds for the organization's operations in 1964, and reviewed the various financial reports submitted to it by the Secretary-General, the Specialized Agencies and the IAEA. In addition, the Committee considered reports on administrative and personnel questions.

Financing Peace-keeping Operations

The Fifth Committee was the only Committee to meet during the fourth special session of the General Assembly. The major purpose in calling a special session was to have the Assembly consider the report of the Working Group of 21*, which had met during the spring in an attempt to develop special methods of financing large-scale peace-keeping operations of the United Nations. The report identified the various approaches to the question of a special method of financing and indicated the views of many members, including Canada, on certain principles on which the financing of future peace-keeping operations could be based.

In addition, since the Secretary-General's authority to expend funds for UNEF and ONUC was to expire at the end of June, the Assembly was faced with the task of extending this authority and providing the Secretary-General with the necessary funds, without the advantage of having an agreed financing formula. In order to finance UNEF and ONUC in the following months, agreement on some method of apportioning the costs of these two operations was necessary. This, in turn, raised the problem of whether to adopt another *ad hoc* financing formula or to attempt developing long-term financing arrangements, a task in which the Working Group had not been successful.

Many of the small and medium powers, including Canada, favoured the adoption of a special scale of assessments, whereas some of the great powers either preferred *ad hoc* financing methods or refused to the General

*Membership of the Working Group of 21 is given in Appendix V-10.