

should the Special Committee wish to meet outside New York it will only do so in consultation, and in agreement with, the appropriate authorities.

The Special Committee, working in close cooperation with the Trusteeship Council and the Committee on Information from non-self-governing territories, will undoubtedly facilitate the movement to full self-government or independence. But as the distinguished representative of Japan has reminded us, independence is not a wind-fall; it is a harvest and a good harvest calls for continued hard work on the part of all who wish for it; the inhabitants of the Territory, the Administering Authorities and the United Nations.

This three-way partnership is the sine qua non for successful de-colonization. It is of the utmost importance that it should never be lost sight of in the work of the proposed Special Committee. This cooperative atmosphere, so well exemplified by New Zealand's trusteeship in Western Samoa, must continue in the Special Committee.

The peaceful and orderly transition from colonial status to self-government or independence can only be achieved with the collaboration of the Administering Authorities. Their active and friendly cooperation must be secured. We are confident that this consideration will be borne in mind not only in nominating the membership of the Special Committee, which should reflect the need for equitable geographical representation, but also in the active work of the Committee itself.