

Mr. Chairman, my Delegation is pleased to note that the discussions on this item, with only a few exceptions, have at this session avoided the temptation to lay blame for past failures or to indulge in vitriolic recriminations when setting out our points of view. The real issue has been kept clearly before us, and no time has been lost in the by-ways of procedural arrangements which must follow, and not precede, agreement on whether or not to enlarge the Councils. We sympathize with the natural and clearly-expressed desire of the many new states to take some concrete steps forward at this session. We cannot agree with those who discourage any attempt to amend the Charter, simply because we were not successful at previous sessions. The admission of 17 new states to this Assembly is reason in itself for prompt and decisive action, for in expanding the Councils we are not only correcting the imbalance of the present, but providing positive assurance to those yet unborn member states that they will have an opportunity to make an effective contribution to the work of the United Nations.

We therefore, Sir, cannot deny the reasonable expectations of any given group of member countries to adequate representation on a continuing basis in the major organs of the United Nations, and my Delegation is therefore prepared to support those wishes, as set out in the two resolutions before this Committee.

Thank you.