

financing question is practicable and that the Assembly should be ready to take a position on it.

I now turn, Mr. Chairman, to the final three paragraphs of our draft resolution. Operative paragraph 4 stems from the long-held view on the part of Canada and a number of other countries that every possible effort should be made to improve the capacity of this organization to maintain peace and security when it is called upon to do so. The U.N. we believe should be able to respond promptly and efficiently and it will, we consider, be in a better position to do this if information concerning the kinds of military or civil forces or services available to Member States for peacekeeping is conveyed to the United Nations.

Operative paragraph 5 contains three recommendations to the Security Council from the General Assembly which, in accordance with Article 10 of the Charter, is clearly entitled to make such recommendations either to Members of the United Nations or to the Council. It is, of course, for the Council to decide on the nature of the action which it will take in the light of these recommendations. Canada and the other co-sponsors very much hope, however, that the Council will give these recommendations very serious consideration in the coming year and examine the possibilities. As my Delegation and other speakers have made clear, the recommendation for the study of the means of improving preparations for peacekeeping is a direct outcome of the suggestion to that effect made by the Secretary-General in the introduction to his annual report for 1964. Two years have passed since that suggestion was made and it seems to us that the time has arrived to act upon it. A study of the kind proposed could surely only have a beneficial effect on the capacity of the United Nations to maintain peace and security. The proposal in operative paragraph 5(b) of our draft resolution is a modest and simple one. It provides that the Security Council should be made aware of the financial implications of any measure it decides upon to maintain peace and security. The awareness of the Council of the financial implications involved in a particular instance is of course one thing. How the financing of any particular measure takes place is another.

Then in operative paragraph 5(c) the General Assembly would recommend to the Council that it attempt to find out whether at this stage in the history of the United Nations any progress can be made in accordance with Article 43 and taking into account Article 47(2) of the Charter. Surely it would be useful for the Council to re-examine the possibilities of these Articles and to see whether, for example, the Military Staff Committee might again perform a useful service to the United Nations as a whole.

The final operative paragraph of our draft resolution is of a purely procedural character. It is designed to ensure that the question of peacekeeping in all its aspects does re-appear on the agenda of the 22nd session; and that it appears within a