

It gives me some satisfaction to point out that these principles express the essence of more detailed proposals advanced in the working paper submitted by Canada which I described a moment ago and which will be found on pages 6, 7 and 8 of Document A/5407.

Unfortunately the consensus in the Working Group did not extend to certain other principles advanced by some delegations nor to a specific cost-sharing formula. It seems to my Delegation, therefore, that this Assembly must now address itself to two propositions:

- (1) Without waiting any longer in the hope of reaching agreement on the basic differences of opinion with respect to general principles, we should seek to reflect the measure of agreement already reached by embodying this area of agreement in a declaratory resolution which can serve as a benchmark upon which decisions by the Assembly with respect to future assessments for peace-keeping operations should be based;
- (2) Our immediate and pressing task is to provide the funds necessary to maintain UNEF and ONUC in the months immediately ahead. We believe it should be possible to reach agreement on the necessary financial modalities consistent with the general principles which I have already mentioned.

This will not be an easy task since a considerable divergence of views continues to exist among members on the technical aspects of any financing method. In addition, some members continue to have political and constitutional doubts about UNEF and ONUC which limit the prospects of a satisfactory solution. How should the Assembly proceed to provide sufficient funds to enable the United Nations to perform its designated tasks under the Charter while, at the same time, recognizing the various views on questions of principles and on the details of a workable and acceptable cost-sharing formula? In spite of Canada's preference to see the Assembly adopt suitable long-term arrangements, the Canadian Delegation has come to the conclusion that the time has not yet arrived when the strict application of the principle of capacity to pay, involving