

heavy responsibilities which the Organization has assumed since San Francisco. Any change will have important effects on the other facets, and it would be preferable if the carefully balanced construction which the framers of the Charter sought to erect was to be looked at in its entirety and not piecemeal.

As my Prime Minister, Mr. Pearson, said in his speech in Plenary on September 19, on the assumption that we must make that, we, and I quote, "want the United Nations to be an effective international instrument for practical and positive action in carrying out United Nations decisions, a comprehensive re-appraisal should be made of certain basic questions of function and organization which have been pushed into the background of our thinking because of recurring tension in international relations leading to the fear that the questions themselves may contain the seeds of possible further friction". And later, he said: "To be fully effective, United Nations machinery and organization should adequately reflect the present membership, without giving undue weight to any single factor, whether it be military or industrial strength; population or financial contribution; politics or race or geography".

However, it seems clear from the report submitted by the Committee on arrangements for a conference for the purpose of reviewing the Charter - Document A/5487 of September 4, 1963 - that a majority of Member States believe that international circumstances at the present time are not propitious for the holding of a general conference to review the Charter under Article 109 of the Charter. This would seem to indicate that we cannot expect a general review of the Charter in the immediate future and that we must therefore deal with the matter before us on an ad hoc basis by enlarging the Councils through an amendment to the Charter under Article 108. As I indicated earlier, Mr. Chairman, this is the only equitable solution. Nevertheless, it is earnestly to be desired that Charter review will not be unduly delayed. The changes now contemplated in adjusting the composition of the Councils would, in this perspective, be regarded as ad hoc and interim arrangements, which the whole membership of the United Nations may wish to review in the not too distant future, when the Charter is reviewed as a whole.

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