

The Portuguese representative denied that there were mercenary camps or war materials in Angola intended to disturb the peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

On October 14, the Council adopted a resolution sponsored by Jordan, Mali, Nigeria and Uganda urging the Government of Portugal, in view of Portugal's statement "that there are no mercenaries in Angola, nor camps nor war material meant to disturb the peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo", not to allow foreign mercenaries to use the territory as a base of operations for interfering in the domestic affairs of the Congo. France, New Zealand, Britain and the United States refrained from voting on this paragraph, but voted in favour of the subsequent paragraph calling on all states to desist from intervening in the domestic affairs of the Congo. The resolution was unanimously adopted (except for the four abstentions on the operative paragraph mentioned above).

Secretary-General

On September 1, the Secretary-General announced his intention of retiring when his five-year term expired. In response to widespread appeals, he agreed, however, to serve until the end of the year.

On September 29, the Security Council welcomed the Secretary-General's agreement to remain and, in order to express further its confidence in him, agreed that, "if U Thant should express willingness to serve another term as the Secretary-General, it would fully meet the desires of the Council".

On December 2, the General Assembly, on the advice of the Security Council, unanimously appointed U Thant as Secretary-General of the United Nations for another term of office ending on December 31, 1971.

Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC), which usually meets four times a year, is an executive body with three major responsibilities: to act as governing body for the activities of the United Nations itself in the economic, social and human rights fields; to ensure the co-ordination of the work in these same areas of the entire United Nations system of organizations (the United Nations itself and the 14 affiliated Specialized Agencies); and to provide a major forum for the discussion of broad issues of international economic and social policy. In the sphere of international economic and social co-operation, ECOSOC plays a role rough-