

Organization" within the meaning of Article 17 of the Charter. This authoritative opinion should be endorsed by the General Assembly and form the basis for financing peace-keeping operations. Advisory opinions of the Court ought to be fully respected in the interests of establishing international rules of order.

Basing ourselves on the principle of collective responsibility, we must find a formula for apportioning peace-keeping costs because this Organization has to be in a position to fulfill its Charter purposes.

STABILITY IN THE UNITED NATIONS

It is equally clear that the Chief Executive of this Organization should have whole-hearted support in the discharge of his responsibilities. Our distinguished Acting Secretary-General has shown great courage, patience and wisdom during the course of his interim term of office - which began at a time when confusion reigned in United Nations affairs. During the past year he has given leadership which has restored confidence in the organization.

The underlying need in United Nations affairs is for stability. In these turbulent times, governments require a steady base for international co-operation and quiet diplomacy. Most people of the world look hopefully to the United Nations to point the way and provide the means to these ends.

A significant element in achieving stability and a capacity to act effectively is to develop orderly procedures. Our distinguished past-president has made some interesting and useful suggestions for improving Assembly procedures. I welcome the decision to inscribe an item on this subject.

The greatly increased membership of the Assembly and the length of recent sessions give added urgency to the need for the most efficient working methods. The speed and efficiency with which we carry out our work is an important factor in determining