

Committee would be a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and would in no way infringe upon the powers of the Security Council. The U.S.S.R. delegation objected to the proposal on the grounds that it was a violation of the Charter and a deliberate attempt to circumvent the Security Council. Other eastern European States made similar objections, Yugoslavia claiming that this proposal was a disguised attack on the rule of unanimity amongst the permanent members of the Security Council.

Amendments to the United States proposal were put forward by various delegations, including a Canadian amendment¹ which would have added to the functions of the proposed Committee the tasks of considering the extent to which resolutions of the General Assembly had been put into effect and of initiating preliminary consideration of provisional items on the Assembly's agenda. It was decided to establish a sub-committee to consider the various proposals which had been advanced, to discuss the practical application of the United States proposal, and to prepare a resolution for consideration by the Committee. This sub-committee, under the chairmanship of the Canadian representative, consisted of the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Canada, China, Czechoslovakia, France, India, Lebanon, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom, and the United States. The representatives of the U.S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia, however, refused to attend.

In the discussions of the sub-committee careful consideration was given to the terms of reference which should be adopted for the proposed Interim Committee. It was eventually decided that the Interim Committee should consider only those items within its competence which had been placed on the provisional agenda of the General Assembly and which the Committee regarded as both important and requiring preliminary study, this decision to be made by a two-thirds majority. It was further decided that the Interim Committee would include within its competence the consideration of disputes as well as of situations under Articles 11 (2), 14 and 35 of

¹The text of the Canadian amendment to the United States proposal for an Interim Committee of the Assembly is given in Appendix I, R, p. 210.