

to make recommendations and even take decisions to convene new meetings, the final decision as to the location and dates of such meetings should be left to the General Assembly; otherwise all attempts to establish an orderly conference programme will be self-defeating. We note from paragraph 38 of the report that the Committee decided to address a letter to the President of the General Assembly inviting him to draw the attention of the Chairman of each of the main Committees to the provisions of resolution 2239 (XXI) and to ask them to refer proposals for new conferences and meetings to the Committee on Conferences. However, since decisions to initiate conferences are taken by various bodies throughout the year and not just during the course of the General Assembly, we believe that it would be helpful in attempting to establish an orderly conference programme <sup>if</sup> ~~that~~ all resolutions establishing new conferences included a paragraph requesting the organ responsible for the conference to seek the advice of the Committee on Conferences with regard to the timing and location of the proposed conference.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I would like to indicate that my delegation supports the draft resolution on page 27 of the Committee's report. Let me add that in doing so, it is our hope that the Committee will be more successful next year in making firm recommendations with regard to the 1969 calendar of conferences and meetings.