SITE OF NEXT SESSION

It was agreed by the Assembly to hold the third regular session, opening on September 21, 1948, somewhere in Europe rather than in New York. The site was to be selected by a committee of nine countries in consultation with the Secretary General.

Canadian Position

At the first session of the General Assembly in London, Canada favoured the permanent headquarters of the U.N. being established in Europe. As regards holding the third session in Europe, the Canadian delegation was of the view that the additional expense and the dislocation of the Secretariat overcame the advantages of the proposal. Since from the point of view of convenience Canada would have been better served by a decision to hold the next session in New York, the Canadian representative abstained from voting on this issue.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

During the 1946 session of the General Assembly, the Canadian delegation urged that the Assembly's rules of procedure be revised. A Committee on Procedures and Organization was subsequently set up and instructed to meet two weeks before the opening of the second session to discuss the possibility of improving the existing rules. The Canadian representative was elected chairman. The report of this committee was discussed and amended in the administrative and budgetary and the legal committees during the 1947 session. The revised rules of procedure were adopted by the Assembly, to come into force on January 1, 1948.

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