

52. EXPENSES OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON UNITED NATIONS COMMISSIONS OF ENQUIRY

A question which has arisen at each session of the Assembly concerns the extent to which the travel expenses of national representatives on United Nations Commissions of Enquiry should be paid by the United Nations. In the case of the Special Committee on Palestine, provision had been made to pay the travel expenses of one representative and one alternate from each country, as well as *per diem* allowance. The same procedure was followed in regard to the Special Committee on the Greek Question and the Temporary Commission on Korea. Despite these precedents, the Belgian delegation proposed that the United Nations should pay the travel and *per diem* expenses of only one representative from each participating country. This proposal was supported by Canada and a number of other delegations. The Fifth Committee decided to refer the question of principle to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for examination and report to the Third Session of the Assembly. In the reference to the Advisory Committee it was emphasized that existing precedents should not prejudice consideration of this issue.