

The technical nature of the discussions of this Committee should create an atmosphere of objectivity rather than emotionalism which I am sure will make it comparatively easy for us to work with harmony and with the spirit of co-operation which was so apparent to me among our members last year. Perhaps it would not be amiss to emphasize the essentially non-political nature of the Fifth Committee's responsibilities. This Committee's three primary tasks are: first, to arrange for the provision of adequate funds to enable the United Nations to carry out effectively its tasks as determined by the General Assembly and the Security Council; second, to provide a degree of co-ordination in the allocation of scarce resources for activities of demonstrated priority and; third, to consider administrative questions relating to the organization and financing of the Secretariat. My Delegation believes that the only consideration of a political nature which should concern us here is the necessity of maintaining and increasing the effectiveness of this dynamic international organization.

Member States have worked diligently over the past seventeen years to build up patiently an effective organization for the benefit of mankind. The Fifth Committee's role is to ensure that this Organization is provided with the resources it requires to maintain the confidence which the people of the world have in the United Nations' ability to fulfill effectively its aims and purposes according to the Charter. Historically this Committee's task has not been an easy one. This has been due to the increasing demands made upon the Organization as its membership increased from 51 in 1945 to 108 in 1962 and when it has been called upon to engage in a number of important operations for the maintenance of peace and security in widely scattered areas of the world. This Committee's objective has been, and is, to ensure that