

amendment to the three-power resolution which had the effect of preventing that resolution from being interpreted as an outright acceptance of the report of the International Law Commission. This amendment and an amendment submitted by the United Kingdom, which pointed out that a final decision regarding the setting up of an international criminal court could not be taken except on the basis of concrete proposals, preserved the freedom of governments to reassess their positions after the code of offences against the peace and security of mankind has been completed.

Following the adoption of the resolution sponsored by Cuba, France and Iran, as amended, the Assembly designated seventeen countries, including France, the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, India and Pakistan, which would appoint representatives to attend the meetings of the committee in August 1951, in Geneva.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL

The cost of participation in the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies has been rising at a time when member states are bearing an increasingly heavy burden of expenditures for their other foreign programmes and for defence. As a result there has been a growing recognition that international organizations must discharge their responsibilities with the maximum of efficiency and economy in order to ensure the best possible use of available resources. Canadian delegations have constantly stressed that public confidence in the United Nations and its Agencies, and support for their basic objectives, might be adversely affected or even endangered unless clear evidence is forthcoming that the organizations are concentrating their resources on projects of the highest priority and that they are successfully resisting the temptation to disperse their efforts over too many fields of endeavour.

#### Cost of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies

##### Administrative Budgets

The total cost of administering the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies for 1951 will be about \$81 million.<sup>1</sup> This amount represents a substantial increase over 1950, especially if the significant reduction in the administrative expenses of the International Refugee

<sup>1</sup>The actual expenditures for 1948 and 1949 and the appropriations voted for 1950 and 1951 for the United Nations and eight of the Specialized Agencies are shown in Appendix B, p. 181. Canadian assessments for these years are also shown.