

The Canadian Representative said that his delegation, which supported the principle of universality of membership, would welcome any procedure which, while respecting the provisions of the Charter, would enable new members to take part in the work of the United Nations. Canada was opposed, however, to any formula which would solve the problem of admission by circumventing the provisions of the Charter, and was therefore unable to support any of the proposals in this first group.

The second group of proposals and suggestions was aimed principally toward a political solution designed to admit the largest possible number of applicants qualified under Article 4 of the Charter. The specific methods suggested did not secure general acceptance, it being generally felt that the courses proposed either would not be in accordance with Article 4, or, if they were, were no more likely to lead to a practical solution than earlier recommendations to the Security Council.

In view of the refusal of the U.S.S.R. to serve on the Committee, it was not to be expected that the Committee would come up with a solution which would be acceptable to all five permanent members of the Security Council. The Committee agreed that no vote would be taken on the various proposals and that no specific recommendations would be submitted to the General Assembly. The report to the General Assembly by the Special Committee on Admission of New Members therefore consists merely of an account of the deliberations and a summary of the views of those taking part in the discussions.