

General to achieve a better geographical distribution of Secretariat staff at all levels. The second resolution, co-sponsored by 38 countries including Canada, invited the Secretary-General "to continue to take steps, and to strengthen those taken, so that real progress may be achieved . . . with a view to a better utilization of the linguistic abilities of the staff and a balance among the working languages in the recruitment of Secretariat staff at all levels . . .". Although French and English are the two working languages of the Secretariat, the fact that UN headquarters is in New York has meant that, to a certain extent, English has become the dominant working language. Canada and the other co-sponsors, therefore, introduced this resolution in the belief that a more equitable balance in the use of both working languages would contribute to the continuing development of a truly international civil service.

The Committee also recommended, after election by secret ballot, that the General Assembly appoint the Auditor-General of Canada, Mr. A. M. Henderson, to the UN Board of Auditors for a three-year term beginning July 1, 1968; approved unanimously a draft resolution containing proposals to limit UN documentation; recommended that the General Assembly approve the scale of assessments to govern contributions by member states to the regular budget of the United Nations in 1968, 1969 and 1970 (according to which Canada's rate of assessment will be 3.02 per cent); discussed the Secretary-General's proposals for the reorganization of the senior levels of the UN Secretariat; noted the 1967 report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board; and began consideration of a draft resolution, co-sponsored by the U.S.A., Britain, the U.S.S.R. and France, requesting the Secretary-General to suggest to each regular session of the General Assembly a "planning figure" for the UN regular budget for a forecast period two years hence.