

#### 14. APPLICATIONS BY ITALY AND AUSTRIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Prior to the opening of the Second Session of the General Assembly, applications had been received from Italy and Austria for admission to the International Civil Aviation Organization. In accordance with the agreement between the United Nations and this organization, these applications were forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for consideration. This matter was discussed in the Second Committee and again in plenary session of the General Assembly and the application from the Government of Italy was unanimously approved. As for Austria, however, the Soviet representative argued that admission would be inappropriate since it possessed no civil aviation and control was exercised in Austria by the Allied authorities.

The representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States, the other occupying powers in Austria, supported the Austrian application since the interests of air safety required that international conventions should be applied wherever possible. In the final vote the admission of Austria to the International Civil Aviation Organization was approved with 39 in favour, 5 opposed and 2 abstentions. Canada voted with the majority.