

There are other fundamental UN questions to be dealt with; of constitutional reform, organization and administration; of financing and procedural methods. At the root of all of them lies the question of basic attitude toward the Organization. "What kind of a United Nations do we want?"

We believe that most members want the United Nations to be an effective international instrument for practical and positive action in carrying out UN decisions.

To this end, a comprehensive reappraisal should be made of certain basic questions of function and organization which have been pushed into the background of our thinking because of recurring tension in international relations leading to the fear that the questions themselves may contain the seeds of possible further friction.

This is the reason why year after year we have postponed the holding of the Charter Review Conference set for 1958.

I am not proposing that this Assembly should decide that the Charter should now be reviewed with a view to making drastic changes and reforms. I am suggesting that at this session, in order that the United Nations can act more effectively in its fields of responsibility, we should make a conscious effort to deal with certain problems which we have been avoiding.

I have already mentioned the need for adequate and balanced representation in the main organs of the United Nations. Since the membership first began to expand in 1955, we have recognized that there had to be some adjustment and enlargement in the composition of the Councils, and of the Secretariat, to reflect the changed geographical pattern of membership.

To be fully effective, United Nations machinery and organization should adequately reflect the present membership, without giving undue weight to any single factor, whether it be military or industrial strength; population or financial contribution; politics or race or geography.

To this end the Security Council and ECOSOC should be enlarged in order to permit a better balance in their composition. We should not confine our interest, however, to representation. We should be even more concerned about powers and functions.