

Adding the 1956 Gentlemen's Agreement to the arrangement which previously existed the following overall agreement was evolved concerning the allocation of the 21 seats on the International Law Commission as a result of the increase that took place in 1956.

Five seats were to be held by nations of the permanent members of the Security Council.

Five seats were to be held by nations of Asian and African states.

Two seats to be held by nationals of Eastern European states.

Four and one-half seats to be held by nationals of Latin American states.

One-half seat to be held by a national from the British Commonwealth countries not otherwise included in any recognized regional grouping.

Four seats were to be held by nations of Western European states.

#### Alternatives Open

In dealing with this problem it is clearly necessary to find answers to the following questions:-

1. Should there be an overall reallocation of seats without expansion?
2. Should there be an overall reallocation of seats with expansion?
3. If not, should there be an expansion with the reallocation being limited by the number of seats comprising expansion?

#### Reallocation without Expansion

As regards the first question concerning whether there could be a reallocation without expansion, it seems clear that this could be done in such a manner as not to fall short of the requirements of Article 8 of the Statute of the