

Security Council to reach agreements with member states which would enable the Security Council to take rapid action as provided in Chapter VII of the Charter. Other articles of the same Chapter provide for the earmarking of contingents (Article 45) and for military plans to be drawn up by the Chiefs of Staff of the five permanent members (Articles 46 and 47). It was provided in Article 47 that the Chiefs of Staff of the five permanent members would provide strategic direction for the armed forces which were placed at the disposal of the Security Council according to agreements with it. In a report submitted to the Security Council in 1947 by the Chiefs of Staff it was envisaged that the force at the disposal of the Security Council would include troops from all permanent members.

It is clear from Article 43 paragraph 3 that Chapter VII envisaged that this machinery, including the necessary agreements with member states concerning the provision of troops, would be negotiated and established as soon as possible after the Charter was signed. As we all know the Security Council has so far been unable to negotiate these agreements and establish this machinery because of the absence of agreement between the five permanent members. Therefore and precisely for this reason the Security Council decision to come to the assistance of the Government of the Congo could not possibly have been taken under Article 43. It is quite irrelevant to quote this article in connection with the supplementary estimates before us. The relevant articles are Article 24 according to which member states agree that the Security Council acts on their behalf and Article 25 according to which member states agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council.

For many years Middle and Small Powers have been looking forward to the day when the five permanent members will be able to settle many of their differences. At such a time the machinery envisaged in Article 43 may be established. Only in such circumstances can we meaningfully and usefully discuss the precise interpretation of Article 43. Thus the contention that Article 43 is meant to apply to the provision of financial as well as military assistance is not only quite wrong; it is irrelevant to the present debate.

My Delegation believes Mr. Chairman, that the injection into this debate of considerations relating to Chapter VII of the Charter only serves to indicate that some member states are attempting to distort and disturb the UN peace-keeping machinery which a majority of member states have had to