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Agenda Item 82:   Question of Equitable Representation on the
   Security Council and on the Economic and Social Council.

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Mr. Chairman:

I thought when I prepared this statement that the Committee would

be agreed on the necessity, nay the urgency, of action to give adequate

representation to new Member States on two of the principal organs of the United

Nations: the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council, even if there

were to be some variants as to how best to achieve this most desirable end.   The

statement of the distinguished delegate of the U.S.S.R. on Tuesday has shattered

this most reasonable of assumptions.   The spokesman of this important group in

these United Nations, one whose government has it in its power to refuse its

assent and thus prevent a ratification of a proposal for enlargement of the

Councils has interposed his veto, a compounded veto, a Peking/Moscow veto.

This veto is starkly directed at the rightful aspiration of the Africans and

Asians to equitable representation on the Councils.

However, ukase or no ukase, it nevertheless remains of the utmost

importance that the United Nations maintain comprehensive character and that

all groups and shades of opinion be adequately reflected in the composition

and membership of the various organs of the United Nations.   This is particularly

so in the case of the Security Council which from time to time is called upon to

deal with potentially explosive situations in many parts of the world.   It also

holds true for the Economic and Social Council which is continually dealing

with questions of far-reaching importance.   The ECOSOC not only deals with

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