

adopted by the Committee and subsequently approved by the Assembly. The Assembly also as a consequence voted to restore voting rights of Czechoslovakia, Peru, and Bolivia.

The Committee reviewed a report by the Council on the participation of ICAO in the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, and heard the representatives of many recipient states express their appreciation for the assistance rendered by the Organization. A debate developed over a proposal by the delegates of Portugal and Mexico for establishment of an ICAO Technical Assistance Fund separate from that of the United Nations. It was generally agreed that ICAO's technical assistance was making an important contribution to the progress of civil aviation in under-developed countries and should be expanded considerably; on the other hand it was the view of many delegations that since the total funds available from donor governments for technical assistance were limited, it would be most undesirable for ICAO to initiate a separate fund and perhaps lead other Specialized Agencies to do the same, thus forcing donor governments to allocate their contribution among competing programmes. It was agreed to recommend an increase in the contribution by member countries of funds for technical assistance but to leave the question of allocation to the United Nations Technical Assistance Board, the body most competent to resolve the problem.

Administrative Proposals

In later sessions, the Executive Committee dealt with a number of proposals concerning the administration of ICAO itself and its constituent bodies. An amendment to Articles 48(a), 49(e), and 61 of the Chicago Convention to eliminate the requirement for annual Assembly sessions had received 38 of the required 42 ratifications when the Assembly met; the Committee therefore assumed that by January 1, 1957 the amendment would be effective and authorized the Council to call only a limited Assembly in either 1957 or 1958 before the next major Assembly in 1959. A proposal which had also been on the agenda of the two previous Assembly sessions called for changes in the number and length of sessions and the working methods of the ICAO Council so as in particular to eliminate the requirement for a permanent Council with full-time representation at the headquarters. The Assembly adopted unanimously a resolution approving sequential sessions of the Council and its committees so as to streamline the activities of these bodies as much as possible.

Toward the end of the session the Committee received the report of the Council on privileges and immunities granted to ICAO by the Canadian authorities. Following announcement of arrangements made with the Organization by the Federal Government and the Government of the Province of Quebec on a number of outstanding questions involving provincial taxation, the Assembly unanimously approved a resolution thanking both the federal and provincial authorities for the goodwill shown to ICAO and the efforts which had brought about a solution of the various problems in this field.

New Council

The Assembly met in plenary session to elect a new Council for the Organization to hold office for a three-year period. The twenty-one Council