

Delegation is confident that fair, practical and sensible criteria can be devised on which to base an acceptable formula for sharing among all members the cost of such peace-keeping responsibilities.

Canada's consistent aim has been to establish a firm pattern for financing in this field so that the organization can effectively meet any new emergency without hesitation,

In ^{the} past, each important United Nations peace-keeping operation has been financed by more or less ad hoc methods. Such methods have been far from effective and have not been acceptable to all member states. In fact, some states have been unwilling or unable to contribute their assessed share of UNEF and ONUC expenses. As a result, the balance due for UNEF and ONUC totalled over \$112.5 million, as of September 18. This situation has led to confusion in the planning and administration of peace-keeping operations.

The evidence of the ineffectiveness of ad hoc arrangements is the present financial dilemma of the United Nations. If the situation which existed is permitted to continue, it is possible that all member states will be faced with undesirable implications. What are these implications? First, if the Assembly employs ad hoc arrangements to finance any future peace-keeping operations, the United Nations may be faced again with the regrettable situation which exists today as regards UNEF and ONUC arrears. I am certain that all Delegations would prefer to avoid such a repetition, if at all possible. Second, the organization's primary task, as outlined in Article 1 of ^{the} Charter, is to maintain international peace and security. Now, while there is a certain relationship between satisfactory economic, social and political conditions and the maintenance of peace, there can be little hope for major improvements in the economic and social spheres if world peace is not maintained.

Therefore, it is desirable to endeavour to ensure the maintenance of international peace as a foundation upon which economic and social advancement may be achieved.