

members it has become increasingly more difficult to balance the membership of small bodies, and we are willing to consider any suggestions for the composition of this group which will meet with general approval. We would hope, however, that the group could remain small.

In operative Paragraph 3, the resolution requests the Advisory Committee, in assisting the working group, to examine, within its terms of reference, the relationship between these new elements and the existing procedures. The Canadian Delegation has always had the highest respect for the Advisory Committee, and we would hope that this Committee could reflect on the problems besetting the organization and give us the benefit of their reflections on this relationship, and perhaps on other measures which might occur to them that would ensure the financial stability of the organization.

In the fourth operative paragraph we spell out once again that by this resolution we exclude no expression of opinion and that, in fact, we should like to have the discussion and exchange of views so that the principles and procedures which come out of our deliberations at the sixteenth session will have taken into account all views. We request member states to submit in writing, for consideration by the working group, their views on the methods of dealing with peace and security costs and on any other matters relevant to study requested of the working group.

In requesting consideration by the working group of the principles to be applied in determining a special scale of assessment, we do not, of course, expect the working group to devise the scale but only to recommend principles, which could later be converted into a scale by the technical group which has advised this Committee over the years on the scale of assessment. I refer to the Committee on Contributions. This group will this year be conducting its triennial review of the scale, and it might be appropriate if either in the summer or later this year, on the basis of principles submitted to it, the Committee on Contributions might construct an illustrative scale or scales which would reflect these principles so that the Assembly would be aware in concrete terms of the effects of the adoption of this or that set of principles.

The last preambular paragraph underlines once again our wish to have all opinions taken into account in our study. Several important statements have been made during the fifteenth session, and important principles have been placed before our Committee. Notable among these is, of course, the proposal of the Latin American group which my Delegation recognizes as the sort of attempt which the Committee must make in arriving at a scale which will be valid under all circumstances. We would hope that the Latin American group would consent to have this draft resolution passed on to the sixteenth session intact, without putting it to the hazard of a vote which, under the present circumstances, may well result in its defeat, since many delegations here have indicated that, although they are sympathetic to many of the elements contained in it, they are not prepared at this session to subscribe now to such far-reaching decisions as are contained in the draft. My Delegation recalls that the Latin American delegations and also the Delegation of Spain introduced five years ago a resolution similar to the one which they have introduced at this session. These delegations have waited patiently for reactions to their suggestions. Their patience has been rewarded by an increasing understanding on the part of other delegations of their point of view. This is certainly true of the Canadian Delegation, and it is true also of others. We would hope that the Latin American group, with their customary courtesy, would be prepared to be patient for yet another few months so that