

form of compromise to be reached. I should, perhaps, make clear that the co-sponsors of L.507 do not consider that draft resolution L.509 represents such a compromise, although it was introduced as such, and has been referred to by several delegations in that fashion. Like resolution L.505, it embodies the declaration approach rather than the study of specifics as proposed in L.507.

The essential point in issue, as we see it, appears to be the question of whether a resolution embodies the general rather than the specific approach would re-affirm relevant Charter principles or would attempt to do something rather more than or different from that. The members of this Committee are, I think, entitled to know that the co-sponsors of resolution L.507 have been in touch with the co-sponsors of resolution L.509 and have offered certain suggestions. It may be that during the debate on the resolution, some progress can be made towards a compromise.

Certainly, the co-sponsors of draft resolution L.507 remain open to suggestions of possible bases of general agreement on this question. We see no objection, for instance, to two resolutions being passed by this Committee, should this prove necessary.

I trust that the foregoing explanations will clear up certain misconceptions which may have arisen concerning the nature and extent of the proposals embodied in resolution L.507, and the intent of its co-sponsors. May I conclude by saying that it is our earnest hope that resolution L.507 will receive the support of all delegations, whatever else may be decided on outside the terms of reference of that resolution.