

therefore in our view take account of both regional and functional considerations.

The third

alternative is: Enlargement: - Various statements made before this Committee have suggested six to be an equitable number of additional seats for ECOSOC. My Delegation sees expansion of ECOSOC as the only method of assuring adequate representation for all areas, while maintaining some balance between the donor countries and the recipient states in international economic aid programmes under United Nations auspices. We believe that enlargement of Council membership is, in view of the vast increase in United Nations membership since 1945, the only answer to the problem of making the Council an effective organ for carrying out the obligations placed upon it under Chapters IX and X of the Charter.

It has been stated at previous sessions that enlargement was an unattainable ideal in view of the objections raised by a permanent member of the Security Council. It should perhaps be stated again now that no Great Power can veto a decision of the General Assembly; we have therefore only to develop a united front to reach the two-thirds majority required to approve enlargement. If the support were strong enough at this stage, an almost irresistible moral pressure would surely be exerted to obtain ratification from all the Great Powers. The suggestion has been made that to bring pressure for a final solution by an Assembly vote was somehow unjustifiable, since it was not a technique of conciliation. Whether one agrees with that view or not, it must nevertheless be recognized as a method of democratic procedure which the Assembly