

that the primary task of the United Nations is maintenance of international peace and security through effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace.

I believe there is general agreement on the necessity of maintaining UNEF in 1964 and on the collective responsibility which all Members share for its maintenance; our task within the short period of time which remains at this session is to agree upon some equitable method of sharing the costs of the operation during the coming year.

This problem has a long history, not only in this Committee but also in the Working Groups of 15 and 21 on the examination of administrative and budgetary procedures. These groups made a real effort to come to grips with the basic issues involved in this problem and to reach general agreement on how the organization could be assured of the funds it requires to meet its primary responsibilities. The Working Group of 21 has made considerable progress in isolating the main problem and in suggesting methods for its solution. However, some major issues have yet to be resolved and the Group will therefore continue to meet in 1964.

Pending the development of long-term financing arrangements for duly approved peacekeeping operations involving heavy expenditures, the Assembly found it necessary last June and again this October to adopt ad hoc financing methods for UNEF and ONUC. These ad hoc arrangements are contained in Resolutions 1875, 1876, and 1885, and represent an effort by the Assembly to agree on interim measures which could be employed without prejudice to the efforts of the Working Group to formulate long-term arrangements.