

(which reviews the assessments of member states to the UN regular budget); considered the Advisory Committee's report on administrative and budgetary co-ordination of the UN with the Specialized Agencies; approved amendments to the regulations of the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund; and considered the Secretary-General's report on the operations of the UN International School in New York.

## Sixth Committee

### *Principles of Friendly Relations*<sup>1</sup>

Since 1962 the Assembly has been involved in trying to develop and codify certain basic legal principles bearing on international co-operation. By 1966 a Special Committee had agreed on the formulation of two of the seven principles selected. The first two weeks of the general debate on this item<sup>2</sup> were devoted to a discussion of the report of the New York meeting of the Special Committee on Friendly Relations, including statements chiefly on the five principles not agreed on by the Special Committee. As in past debates on this item, most delegates confined themselves to general observations and there again proved to be a difference of opinion on how to formulate these principles and what these formulations should contain. Although it was readily accepted that the Special Committee would have to meet again to complete its work, delegates argued about the legal status of General Assembly Resolution 2131(XX), relating to non-intervention—whether the Special Committee should again be advised to achieve consensus on its formulation of each remaining principle, whether it should be instructed to continue where it left off at New York or, alternatively, should be allowed to reopen general discussion of the two principles on which agreement had been reached at the New York sessions and, finally, whether its efforts should be directed towards the form of a draft declaration to be adopted by the General Assembly.

As mentioned, the main issue was not whether the Special Committee should be authorized to meet again but what instructions should be given to it. A draft resolution sponsored by 33 countries, including many Latin

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<sup>1</sup> The full title of this item was "Consideration of Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in Accordance with the Charter of the United Nations:

A. Report of the 1966 Special Committee on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States.

B. Report of the Secretary-General on methods of fact-finding."

<sup>2</sup> See Page 22 for a report on the related item on Inadmissibility of Intervention.