

My delegation would hope that whatever method of apportioning the ONUC costs is agreed upon now, that delegations and the Governments they represent will reflect on the wider implications which the current financial crisis in the United Nations has raised. It is my hope that this committee will be prepared to examine these wider implications early in the Sixteenth Session of the Assembly. The administrative and budgetary questions which must be resolved are fundamental to a growing and vital organization and to ignore them could have the most dangerous consequences for the whole United Nations structure.

We believe for example, that one of the questions which might usefully be discussed is that outlined in the Advisory Committee report on the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. The approach proposed by the Advisory Committee would ensure that the assembly was not suddenly presented with large bills after the event. If a proposal along these lines were adopted, it would serve to relieve the many understandable apprehensions about the future financial implications of peace and security costs, particularly on the part of those countries which are struggling to develop economically.

Other matters which might profitably be examined are: a peace and security fund and a peace and security scale of assessments. All these might be linked in a redefinition, in the light of experience, of the less precise sections of the Charter on the relationship between the decisions of the Security Council and of the Assembly's power to apportion expenses.

There is one remark made by the distinguished representative of the Soviet Union at our last meeting which I cannot let pass unnoticed. Mr. Chairman, my Delegation