

which the Charter provides, the size of the supplementary estimates before us may represent too large a burden for those member states who are struggling to develop economically and who can ill afford to divert resources from urgent economic and social activities.

We believe that it may relieve many understandable apprehensions if we were to all recognize clearly that although we accept these supplementary estimates of \$60 million as an expense of the organization under Article 17, it by no means follows that we must all bear a share of this \$60 million equal to our share under the scale of assessments. Article 17 says that the General Assembly shall apportion the expenses of the organization among member states. It is quite in order for the Assembly to devise a separate method of apportioning that part of the expenses of the organization relating to the UN activities in the Congo. The other expenses of the organization would continue to be financed strictly in accordance with the scale of assessments.

On the question of apportioning such costs as are now before us, my Delegation adopts a pragmatic approach. The important thing is not to adhere over the years to any given method of apportioning such costs but to ensure that each member of the organization always bears a fair share, bearing in mind the particular circumstances.

Let us now turn to the specific instance now before us, i.e. the cost estimates for the UN operations in the Congo in 1960. Since my delegation believes that the magnitude of these costs is burdensome to member states, it is very encouraging indeed that the costs to be borne by the organization have, on certain assumptions, been reduced from \$60 million to about \$49 million. This reduction has been made possible by the willingness of three great powers not to request reimbursement for certain services supplied. As a result the burden on the shoulders of the general membership has been reduced by almost 20 per cent.

Delegates may wish to know at this point whether the Canadian Government intends to follow the example set by those three great powers which have foregone reimbursement for certain air transport services provided to the United Nations. I would like briefly, Mr. Chairman, to explain the views of my Government on this question.

Mr. Chairman, Canada has provided troops, equipment and air transport