

This would still leave open the important matter of selecting a presiding officer. We have two suggestions and there may well be others. One possibility would be to appoint the Chairman of the Disarmament Commission. This could be a helpful choice, not only because the present incumbent of that office is well qualified, but because an ex officio appointment of this kind would provide continuity. Alternatively, a Chairman might appropriately be chosen from one of the delegations newly represented on the Committee. It would be understood, of course, that his services in this capacity would not interfere with his country's full participation in the negotiations.

My delegation holds the view that no matter what negotiating body is decided upon, it should have a close and effective relationship with the United Nations as a whole. The question of disarmament is obviously of vital interest to all members of the Organization. Whatever smaller group may be nominated to carry on detailed negotiations, there would be great value in making provision for regular reports from that body to the United Nations Disarmament Commission.

It might also prove desirable, as negotiations proceed, to consider establishing United Nations committees to study specific aspects of disarmament which may require examination from a regional or specialized point of view. The establishment of such committees would not only serve to speed up the study of certain problems, but would offer an opportunity for the participation of further members of the United Nations in the detailed consideration of disarmament.

I offer these various suggestions in the hope that they may assist in the search for common ground. I repeat that the problem of composition is not so difficult that it