

49. THE QUESTION OF SPANISH AS A THIRD WORKING LANGUAGE

The Philippine delegation proposed the adoption of Spanish as a third "working" language in addition to English and French. This question was referred to the Advisory Committee, which estimated that the adoption of a third working language would entail an additional cost to the United Nations budget of approximately \$2,000,000 per annum. The adoption of a third working language would also raise administrative, political and legal questions of a serious nature. The Advisory Committee accordingly recommended that this subject be held over for one year and that the Secretary-General submit a report on all aspects of the problem to the next session of the Assembly. The Philippine delegate agreed to a one-year's postponement; the Advisory Committee's recommendations were unanimously adopted by the Assembly on November 15, 1947.