

nevertheless that as time goes by - as this committee develops experience - as it becomes an accustomed part of the international landscape - it will be carried into a fuller and more mature relationship with the United Nations itself. And we would hope that, at a minimum, this question of financing can be kept open for review from an early date following the Committee's inception. The mechanics of United Nations financing may be difficult. But the principle strikes us as being desirable.

On Article VIII BIS, Mr. Chairman, our delegation has no formal amendments to make; but we would like to indicate our interpretation of this article as it now stands. As we see it, the situation is this:

(1) the parties report to the Committee and the Committee reports to the General Assembly;

(2) the Committee's report, plus its suggestions and recommendations, must be based on what it, the Committee, has received from the parties. The Committee cannot go beyond what the parties give it. This confines the Committee somewhat, but we do not think that this is a matter which at this stage should exercise us unduly. We have confidence in the Committee's capacity to stake out its own jurisdiction on a basis of reasonableness. We are happy to allow it to find its own way on a pragmatic, ad hoc basis, making such reports and recommendations as it deems suitable in the circumstances. We are not particularly worried, at this stage, about the kinds of recommendations - general, specific, or what have you that the