

a suitable resolution the advisory opinion it has requested. In this instance, the co-sponsors of L.760 see no reason to break with this established practice and their simple proposal is that the General Assembly accept the opinion. Indeed, they feel strongly that any other course would be interpreted to be a slight on the high reputation of the International Court of Justice and a step back from the progress that is steadily being made towards promoting the Rule of Law in the conduct of International affairs. We have little doubt that most of our colleagues will wish to join with us in supporting L.760 to mark our respect for pronouncements of the International Court of Justice generally and for the measured views it has furnished on this occasion to guide this organization.

But there is a further important reason why this modest resolution in document L.760 should be widely endorsed. We earnestly hope that this step will lay the groundwork for a practical approach to the questions which have prevented the United Nations from bringing order and stability into its financial affairs. So far as present financial difficulties are concerned, member states who have hesitated to pay their assessed part of UNEF and ONUC expenses, due to their doubts about the legality of financing methods adopted, should now find it easier to fulfill their obligations. This would, of course, greatly ease the precarious financial position of the organization.

Even more importantly, acceptance of the Court's opinion would enable the United Nations to turn its attention constructively to the task of evolving orderly financial procedures to meet future peace-keeping costs. That is, of course, the essential purpose of Document L.761, the second draft resolution which my delegation and eight other Delegations are co-sponsoring and which provides for the re-establishment of the working group of fifteen. On the assumption that the Court's opinion will be widely respected, the working group would be in an excellent position to resume its important studies with emphasis on practical considerations; my