

Although most of the main contributors to the United Nations, including the United Kingdom, the U.S.S.R., Canada and the Netherlands, indicated support for the United States proposal on the grounds that it represented a reasonable compromise, a majority of the members of the Fifth Committee supported the principal part of the Secretary-General's original proposal. As a result, the Committee, and subsequently the plenary session of the Assembly, approved an immediate 7½ per cent increase for all staff members. A decision on automatic adjustments based on the cost of living index was, however, postponed for consideration at the seventh session of the Assembly.