

General a Permanent Commission on Good Offices, Mediation and Conciliation, aimed at strengthening the role of the organization in the settlement of disputes and the prevention of international conflicts.

**Recommendation 3-6:** That Canada should lend all possible support to the creation of a Permanent Commission on Good Offices, Mediation and Conciliation under the Secretary-General.

#### 5) Voluntary Limitations on Security Council Veto

Abuse of the veto in the Security Council is one of the most serious causes of the U.N.'s incapacitation.

**Recommendation 3-7:** That Canada work toward an agreement among the permanent powers to voluntarily refrain from using their veto in the following cases:

- ascertaining facts
- dispatching observers (with host country acceptance)
- functions of the Secretary-General in dispute settlement
- where a permanent power is party to a dispute
- adoption of resolutions calling for ceasefire, separation of armed forces, withdrawal behind borders
- admission of new members
- establishment of subsidiary organs

#### 6) U.N. Second Assembly

The direct election of globally-minded delegates to a proposed new body in the U.N. which would represent people instead of governments was advocated by the British Medical Association for the Prevention of War at the U.N. Special Session on Disarmament in 1982. Since then the idea has spread and received wide endorsement. The Second Assembly would be a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly under Article 22 of the Charter. Each country would have representation based on the square root of their population. Each country would determine how its members would be chosen. Members would take a pledge to serve the planet, and not take instruction from any state, similar to that taken by the U.N. secretariat. (Appendix 3-3)

A Second U.N. Assembly would give substance to the "we the peoples" clause of the Charter usurped by governments. It would create a consciousness of a single "world public," a world community, the citizenry of the U.N. It would promote democracy—the very thing which we are ostensibly risking nuclear annihilation to defend and enhance—on a global scale.

**Recommendation 3-8a:** That Canada support in principle the formation of a Second U.N. Assembly made up of non-governmental representatives.

**Recommendation 3-8b:** That Canada sponsor a General Assembly resolution calling for a U.N. Experts Group to study the proposal for a Second U.N. Assembly in detail.