

Friday, 20 October 1972,
at 10.10 a.m.

NEW YORK

Chairman: Mr. Stanisław TREPCZYŃSKI
(Poland).

Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the twenty-seventh session: item proposed by Argentina, Canada, Chile, Ghana, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Pakistan, Romania, the United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen (A/8795)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that, in accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Pakistan had requested permission to take part in the discussion of the item.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Roy (Pakistan) took a place at the Committee table.

2. Mr. ROY (Pakistan), speaking on behalf of the 11 sponsoring delegations, introduced document A/8795 containing a request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the twenty-seventh session entitled "Amendment to rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly". As was indicated in paragraph 2 of the explanatory memorandum accompanying the request, the purpose was to increase the membership of the Committee on Contributions from 12 to 13 in order to include a member from China. The limited expansion would broaden the Committee's geographical and political composition without impairing its effectiveness.

3. The sponsors had been motivated by the desire to secure the greatest possible benefit from the belated but welcome restoration to the representatives of China of their lawful rights in the United Nations. China, which comprised about one third of the world's population, had demonstrated its willingness and ability to play a constructive part in enhancing the effectiveness of the United Nations. The General Assembly had at its twenty-sixth session recognized the need to give China an opportunity to participate in all the important legislative and technical bodies of the Organization when it had decided (resolution 2798 (XXVI)) on a similar enlargement of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

4. An additional factor arguing in favour of the proposal was China's voluntary agreement to increase its contribution from 4 to 7 per cent over the next five years. Moreover, China's presence in the Committee on Contributions would add to the authority of the Committee's recommendations on the scale of assessments for the triennial period 1974-1976.

5. He drew attention to the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the explanatory memorandum.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item entitled "Amendment to rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly" should be included in the agenda.

6. The CHAIRMAN pointed out that at the twenty-third session the question of the enlargement of the Committee on Contributions had been discussed in the Fifth Committee.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.