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AGENDA ITEM 36

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (*continued*) (A/8081, A/SPC/L.193, A/SPC/L.194)

1. Mr. BADAWI (United Arab Republic) noted that the appeal he had made (715th meeting) to the members of the Committee when introducing the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations (A/8081) that they should devote their skill and wisdom to seeking solutions to the serious, complex problems still outstanding, had not remained unanswered, because many interesting ideas or proposals had been put forward during the discussion. Several delegations had joined in preparing the text of a draft resolution which reflected the main trends and ideas of the discussion. He wished to introduce draft resolution A/SPC/L.194 on behalf of the sponsors.

2. As was the practice at the beginning of any draft resolution, the first and second preambular paragraphs recalled previous resolutions, and in particular resolution 2576 (XXIV) by which the General Assembly in December 1969 had extended the Special Committee's mandate. That reminder should be considered in connexion with the fourth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution, which referred to the regret felt by many delegations that the Special Committee had not been able to fulfil its mandate, although it could not be considered responsible for a delay which was due to the complex nature of the problems under consideration.

3. After participating in the Special Committee's work for two years, the sponsors of the draft resolution were convinced that the consultations which had taken place at all levels in the United Nations had been instrumental in enabling the Special Committee to fulfil at least part of its mandate and that a continuation of those consultations might enable it to discharge its mandate fully in the near

future. That realization was expressed in the sixth preambular paragraph.

4. The seventh preambular paragraph stressed the need, which was recognized by Member States, to reach an early agreement for carrying out United Nations peace-keeping operations consistent with the Charter.

5. He then pointed out that the sponsors of the draft resolution had constantly borne two considerations in mind. On the one hand, since peace-keeping operations were the responsibility of the membership of the United Nations as a whole and should be undertaken for the good of all and to the detriment of none, no partial agreement or any other decision should be adopted which might compromise a final comprehensive agreement on peace-keeping operations. On the other hand, despite the complexity of the problems under discussion, it was of primary importance for the United Nations and its future activity that it should have a system of peace-keeping operations as soon as possible.

6. Operative paragraph 3 set a deadline for the completion of the Special Committee's report on military observers established or authorized by the Security Council. The second half of that paragraph was based on the opinion expressed before the Special Political Committee (715th meeting) by Mr. Cuevas Cancino, Chairman of the Special Committee.

7. Interesting and pertinent suggestions and proposals, which called for detailed and careful study, had been made during the discussion. Owing to lack of time, the sponsors had only been able to examine them in a preliminary way, but they were convinced that after study by the Special Committee during 1971, they would make a useful contribution to the fulfilment of its task. That was why the Special Committee by the terms of operative paragraph 5 would be requested to report on them. Lastly, by operative paragraph 6, the Special Committee would be requested to submit a comprehensive report on military observers.

8. He hoped that the draft resolution would be approved unanimously by the Committee.

The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.