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Points for consideration by Sub-Committee 9

(Note by the Secretary of the Sub-Committee)

At the first meeting of Sub-Committee 9 of the Fifth Committee, on 4 November 1957, the Chairman proposed the following as the principal points for consideration:

- (1) Whether to adhere to the present classification of "Headquarters-based" and "Geneva-based" bodies, and, if so, whether to adopt the definition offered in paragraph 16 of the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/722);
- (2) Whether to admit exceptions to the pattern, and, if so, how to achieve the proper balance in the conference workload between Headquarters and Geneva.  
/Testimony would be required in particular on the two points made in A/C.5/722, paragraph 13, viz:
  - (a) That the present number of meetings at Headquarters and Geneva exceeds the combined capacity of the conferences services; and
  - (b) That arrears of translation are in consequence accumulating;
- (3) (a) The question of machinery for regulating the frequency and meeting-place of ad hoc bodies and ad hoc conferences, with reference to paragraph 17(a), (b) and (c) of A/C.5/722;  
(b) The question whether, in the absence of a specified base, Headquarters, New York, is to be deemed the base of an ad hoc body.  
/The relation of paragraph 2(c) of the United Kingdom proposal (A/C.5/L.471) to this point would need to be considered;
- (4) Whether to recommend a policy - and, if so, of what nature - to regulate the holding of sessions away from headquarters upon invitation of Governments, with particular reference to the financing of the extra costs;

(5) Whether, in the event that the broad outline of the present Geneva pattern is maintained,

(a) Only one functional commission of the Economic and Social Council in addition to the Narcotic Drugs Commission should meet at Geneva; and

(b) Any overlap should be authorized between the session of the International Law Commission and that of the Council;

(6) Whether to exclude from the Sub-Committee's review certain categories of United Nations bodies, for example, Administrative Tribunal, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions.

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