



Eleventh session
FIFTH COMMITTEE
Agenda item 43

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1957

Changes in Geographical Distribution

Panama, Peru, Spain, Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly

Noting the Secretary-General's report (A/C.5/689) on changes in geographical distribution in the Secretariat,

Considering that the United Nations Charter refers to the need for recruiting staff on the widest geographical basis from all Member States, due regard being paid to qualifications,

Bearing in mind that the recent admission of twenty Member States to the United Nations is an important fact which should be taken into account in the composition of the Secretariat,

Considering that some Member States are not represented in the Secretariat and that many Member States are not appropriately or adequately represented,

1. Recommends to the Secretary-General that, other things being equal and the requirements of efficiency, competency and integrity being met, he should consider the desirability,

(a) of giving preference to nationals of Member States which are still unrepresented or under-represented in the Secretariat, when filling any vacancies which may occur, until such time as those Members are adequately represented in the Secretariat;

(b) of giving preference in promotions generally and in promotions to high posts in particular, to officials who are nationals of Member States which are not now appropriately represented in the Secretariat, in order that those States may secure adequate representation;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the twelfth session of the General Assembly on changes in geographical distribution in the Secretariat during 1957;
3. Decides that the question of geographical distribution in the Secretariat should be included as a separate item in the agenda of the twelfth session of the General Assembly.
