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Chairman: Mr. Milton Fowler GREGG (Canada).

AGENDA ITEM 59

United Nations Operation in the Congo: cost estimates (A/5560, A/C.5/983)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/983) and to the comments on that report by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/5560).
2. The Secretary-General estimated at \$19.2 million the total amount of the probable costs to be incurred from January through June 1964 if the United Nations Operation in the Congo was continued with a reduced force of 5,350 officers and other ranks. The Advisory Committee considered the Secretary-General's estimate not unreasonable; however, in the light of the observations in paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of its report, the Advisory Committee expressed the hope that the Secretary-General would find it possible to keep total expenditure down to \$18.2 million, including expenses in local currency to be covered by the Government of the Republic of the Congo.
3. In the absence of any speakers, he suggested that the discussion should be postponed to a later meeting, on the understanding that the present agenda item would continue to receive priority until it could be concluded. The Committee might consider another item at each meeting if time permitted.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 3.10 p.m.