

in accordance with the constitutional procedure of each territory in such a manner as to ensure the greatest possible measure of representation of the local inhabitants.

62. With regard to the expenses of the Conference, it was agreed that any such expenditure (including the expenses of delegates) should be a charge on the funds of the Commission. The New Zealand delegate pointed out, in this connection, that to achieve the purposes of the Conference it was desirable not to place an unduly large burden on the budgets of the local administrations.

Relationship with other International Bodies

63. Consideration of this item was facilitated by the fact that most delegations were familiar with the discussions which had taken place with regard to the relationship of the Caribbean Commission to other international bodies. All delegations were in complete agreement with the principles expressed in the Agreement for the establishment of that body, but it was desired that the text should be made clear and unambiguous.

64. There was general agreement that the Commission was in no way to be regarded as an agency of the United Nations, but, on the other hand, it was out of the question to regard the Commission as a body completely apart, since it was obvious that it must collaborate with the various organs of the United Nations and specialized agencies. The New Zealand delegate, in expressing approval of the principles laid down in the Caribbean Agreement, saw no justification for inserting any negative statement to the effect that the Commission had no formal connection with the United Nations. Indeed, it was implicitly understood that the Commission would be an independent body, and that there was no need to make any specific reference to this, especially since the importance of co-operation with the United Nations could not be denied.

65. In the interests of clarity, however, the Committee favoured a definite statement to the effect that the Commission would have no organic connection with the United Nations. This point having been settled, the Committee recommended the inclusion of a clause stressing the necessity of close co-operation with the United Nations, and appropriate specialized agencies on economic and social matters, and of an undertaking by participating Governments to consult with those bodies with a view to defining any relationship which may, in the future, exist.