

proposal was supported by New Zealand after satisfactory answers had been given to questions whether the site was large enough for present and future needs, and whether the cost was not likely to be more than would be the case if the headquarters were erected in Philadelphia or elsewhere.

The recommendation of the Headquarters Committee was endorsed by the General Assembly on 14 December, against the opposition of the Arab bloc and Australia, the voting being 46 in favour and 7 against.

A proposal by the Ukrainian delegation that the next meeting of the General Assembly should be held in Europe was promptly and properly rejected by the Assembly. It was generally felt that, having decided upon the United States as the site of the headquarters of the United Nations, it would obviously be unwise to hold meetings elsewhere, even as a temporary measure; a most important factor in the decision was the very heavy additional cost that would have been involved in transporting staff and equipment to Europe.

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