

The *Argentinian* delegation submitted a draft resolution, providing for the convening of a general conference in accordance with Article 109 of the Charter to review Article 61, relating to the composition of the Economic and Social Council, and to increase its members to twenty-four. Supporters of the resolution urged that since the work of the Economic and Social Council was of the utmost importance, diversity, and complexity, its membership should be more broadly based. In 1939, it was noted, the Bruce Committee of the League of Nations had recommended a Central Committee on Economic and Social Questions composed of twenty-four members.

Against the Argentinian proposal it was stated, by the *New Zealand* delegate among others, that a Council of eighteen permitted sufficiently representative membership, and at the same time enabled greater speed and efficiency than would a larger body. Wide participation was already provided for by membership of subsidiary organs of the Council. There was also a general feeling that the time was not opportune to convene a general conference, particularly if it were to deal with this subject alone.

In view of the apparent lack of support, the *Argentinian* delegate withdrew his resolution in favour of an alternative submitted by *Peru*. This *Peruvian* draft recommended that members take into account discussions on the subject during the second and third sessions of the Assembly and communicate to the Secretary-General their suggestions for improving the functioning of the Council and associating with its activities the largest number of members compatible with efficiency. The *Peruvian* resolution was adopted by the Committee by 41 votes (N.Z.) to 1 with 1 abstention, and unanimously by the General Assembly.

Agreements with Specialized Agencies

(a) Application of Finland for Membership in the International Civil Aviation Organization

Finland's application for membership of the International Civil Aviation Organization was recommended for approval by the General Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization on 9 June, 1948, after which the matter was submitted to the United Nations in accordance with the agreement between the United Nations and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

The Committee recommended that the General Assembly inform the International Civil Aviation Organization that it had no objection to the admission of Finland to that Organization. The resolution was adopted by the Assembly without vote.