

drafted a resolution which was agreed to with few changes by the full Committee and subsequently adopted unanimously by the General Assembly.

The resolution takes account of, and welcomes, the "declarations of willingness" of the mandatory Powers. It proceeds then to invite them to take the further step of negotiating trusteeship agreements in concert with the other States directly concerned and submitting them for approval, preferably not later than during the Second Part of the First Session of the Assembly. The resolution leaves undefined the term "States directly concerned"; but this matter was the subject of long debate in Committee Four, with some delegations, notable those of Middle Eastern countries, pressing strongly for immediate definition of the term. The majority of delegations, including the delegation of New Zealand, however, inclined to the view that it should best be considered on an *ad hoc* basis in the case of each territory to be placed under trusteeship.

At the instigation in the first place of the United States delegation the resolution makes reference not only to the implementation of Chapters XII and XIII of the Charter (which deal with the international trusteeship system and the Trusteeship Council), but also to the principles laid down in Chapter XI (the declaration regarding non-self-governing territories). In this regard it draws the attention of all members of the United Nations which have dependent territories—whether or not these will be submitted to the trusteeship system proper—to their acceptance under the Charter of certain obligations in administering these territories. It reminds them that the fulfilment of these obligations need not wait upon the conclusion of trusteeship agreements or the establishment of the Trusteeship Council, but that they are in fact already in full force. Accordingly, the resolution goes on to ask the Secretary-General to include in his annual report a statement summarizing such information as nations with dependent territories may have transmitted to him in conformity with Article 73 (e) of the Charter.

Resolution on Non-self-governing Peoples (Chapters XI, XII, and XIII of the Charter)

The United Nations, meeting in its First General Assembly, is keenly aware of the problems and political aspirations of the peoples who have not yet attained a full measure of self-government and who are not directly represented here.

Chapters XI, XII, and XIII of the Charter recognize the problems of the non-self-governing peoples as of vital concern to the peace and general welfare of the world community.

By Chapter XI, all the members of the United Nations which have or assume responsibilities for the administration of territories whose peoples have not yet attained a full measure of self-government recognize the principle that the interests of the inhabitants of these territories are paramount. They accept, as a sacred trust, the obligation to promote to the utmost the well-being of the inhabitants of these territories. To