

delegation's credentials, feels that it is not in a position to make any proposal on the matter [para. 327].

#### B. ROLE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

117. The Special Committee is of the opinion that the Secretary-General should play an active role in making suggestions with regard to the organization of sessions, it being understood that the final decision on the recommendations he makes lies with the General Assembly [para. 331].

#### C. SECRETARIAT

118. The Special Committee considers that the question of the reorganization of the Secretariat, however valid it might be, does not come within its terms of reference. It is of the opinion, therefore, that it should not make any recommendation on the matter [para. 333].

#### D. GUIDANCE REGARDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE AND ASSISTANCE TO PRESIDING OFFICERS

##### 1. Preparation of a manual on procedure

119. The Special Committee recommends that the General Assembly should consider requesting the Secretary-General to prepare a systematic and comprehensive compilation of the conclusions which the Assembly may adopt on the basis of the reports of the Special Committee and of the Joint Inspection Unit, this compilation to form an annex to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [para. 339].

##### 2. Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs

120. The Special Committee, recognizing the usefulness of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*, expresses the hope that it will be brought up to date as quickly as possible [para. 341].

##### 3. Preparation of a repertory of practice on the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

121. The Special Committee did not consider that it should endorse the proposal to issue a repertory of practice on the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [para. 344].

##### 4. Reminders of previous recommendations

122. It was suggested that at the beginning of the session the President of the General Assembly should remind the Assembly of, and particularly invite the attention of the Chairmen of Main Committees to, the recommendations for improving the methods of work which were specifically approved in General Assembly resolution 1898 (XVIII). While there was general agreement on the principle underlying that suggestion, the Special Committee did not feel that it need make any specific recommendation in that regard [paras. 345 and 346].

123. The Special Committee did not retain the suggestion that the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Improvement of the Methods of Work of the General Assembly<sup>43</sup> should be reissued on account of the financial implications that such a measure would entail [paras. 345 and 346].

##### 5. Assistance in procedural matters

124. The Special Committee noted that it was not possible to assign a member of the Office of Legal Affairs continuously to each of the Main Committees but that legal advice was always furnished, either orally or in writing, when requested [para. 348].

125. The Special Committee did not consider that it should make any recommendation on the proposal that the President of the General Assembly and the Chairmen of Main Committees should enlist several assistants under them, both from the Secretariat and, wherever possible, from the delegations themselves, to whom they would allocate items on the agenda for the purpose of closely following them up

<sup>43</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 25, document A/5423.

with the delegations directly concerned and expediting the progress of the General Assembly [paras. 347 and 348].

#### E. STUDIES OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

126. The Special Committee did not consider that it should retain the suggestions concerning the insertion in the rules of procedure of the General Assembly of provisions similar to those in the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council [para. 352].

127. The Special Committee took note of the proposal concerning a comparative study of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and those of the governing bodies of the specialized agencies and suggests that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research should consider undertaking such a project [para. 353].

128. Lastly, the Special Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the Secretariat should be instructed to undertake a comparative study of the versions of the General Assembly's rules of procedure in the various official languages in order to ensure their concordance [para. 354].

#### F. SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

129. The Special Committee, aware of the training problems facing delegations, particularly as regards newly arrived representatives, suggests that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research should consider ways of helping to solve these problems [para. 356].

#### G. REGIONAL GROUPS

130. The Special Committee endorses the suggestion that the names of chairmen of the regional groups for the month should be published in the *Journal of the United Nations* and recommends that it should be left to the Secretariat to decide how often it should be applied [paras. 357 and 358].

#### 2862 (XXVI). Credentials of representatives to the twenty-sixth session of the General Assembly

##### *The General Assembly*

*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee,<sup>44</sup> except with regard to the credentials of the representatives of South Africa.

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20 December 1971.*

#### 2863 (XXVI). Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the request by thirty-six African States<sup>45</sup> for the holding early in the year 1972, in an African country member of the Organization of African Unity, of meetings of the Security Council devoted solely to the measures to be taken with a view to implementing the various resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly on decolonization, the struggle against *apartheid* and racial discrimination in Africa,

*Taking note* of the statement made by the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity before the General Assembly on 24 September 1971,<sup>46</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965, 2193 (XXI) of 15 December 1966 and 2505

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 3, document A/8625.

<sup>45</sup> *Ibid.*, agenda item 100, documents A/8494 and Add.1.

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-sixth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 1938th meeting, paras. 2-57.