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Letter dated 13 June 1967 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (*continued*) (A/6717)*

1. The PRESIDENT: As Members are aware, on 17 July, in accordance with the wishes of the Assembly, more time was given for further consultations. In this connexion, I stated the following at the 1555th meeting, on 17 July:

"It is the general feeling that these consultations should end as soon as possible with a view to reaching an agreement and that, if there is no agreement, the Assembly should not continue indefinitely.

"Therefore, after having given consideration to the different suggestions about a time-limit for consultations, and being of the opinion that all points of view should be taken into consideration, I would suggest that the Assembly should consider the consultations concluded by the morning of Thursday, 20 July." [1555th meeting, paras. 3 and 4.]

I added that

"This should be on the clear understanding that no further delay shall be allowed." [*Ibid.*, para. 4.]

2. At this stage, therefore, I would ask the Assembly whether there are any proposals as a result of these consultations. I have not been informed of any proposal, and none has been submitted to the Secretariat.

3. Mr. JAKOBSON (Finland): As we all know, the President has given Members of this Assembly ample time for consultations, and we had all agreed, as he has just pointed out, to conclude these consultations by this morning's meeting.

4. However, it is my impression that it might be useful to continue certain talks and consultations for a little while longer in order to produce a result that would be widely acceptable to the Assembly. For this reason, I should like to suggest that one further period be granted in order to conclude these consultations.

5. I therefore move that we adjourn until tomorrow afternoon.

6. The PRESIDENT: Members have heard the statement and suggestion made by the representative of Finland. I shall now consult the Assembly on that suggestion. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that it is the desire of the Assembly to accept the suggestion made by the representative of Finland; if there is an objection, however, I shall immediately put the matter to a vote.

7. Since there appears to be no objection, I take it that the Assembly has approved the suggestion of the representative of Finland.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 12.15 p.m.

*Resumed from the 1555th meeting.