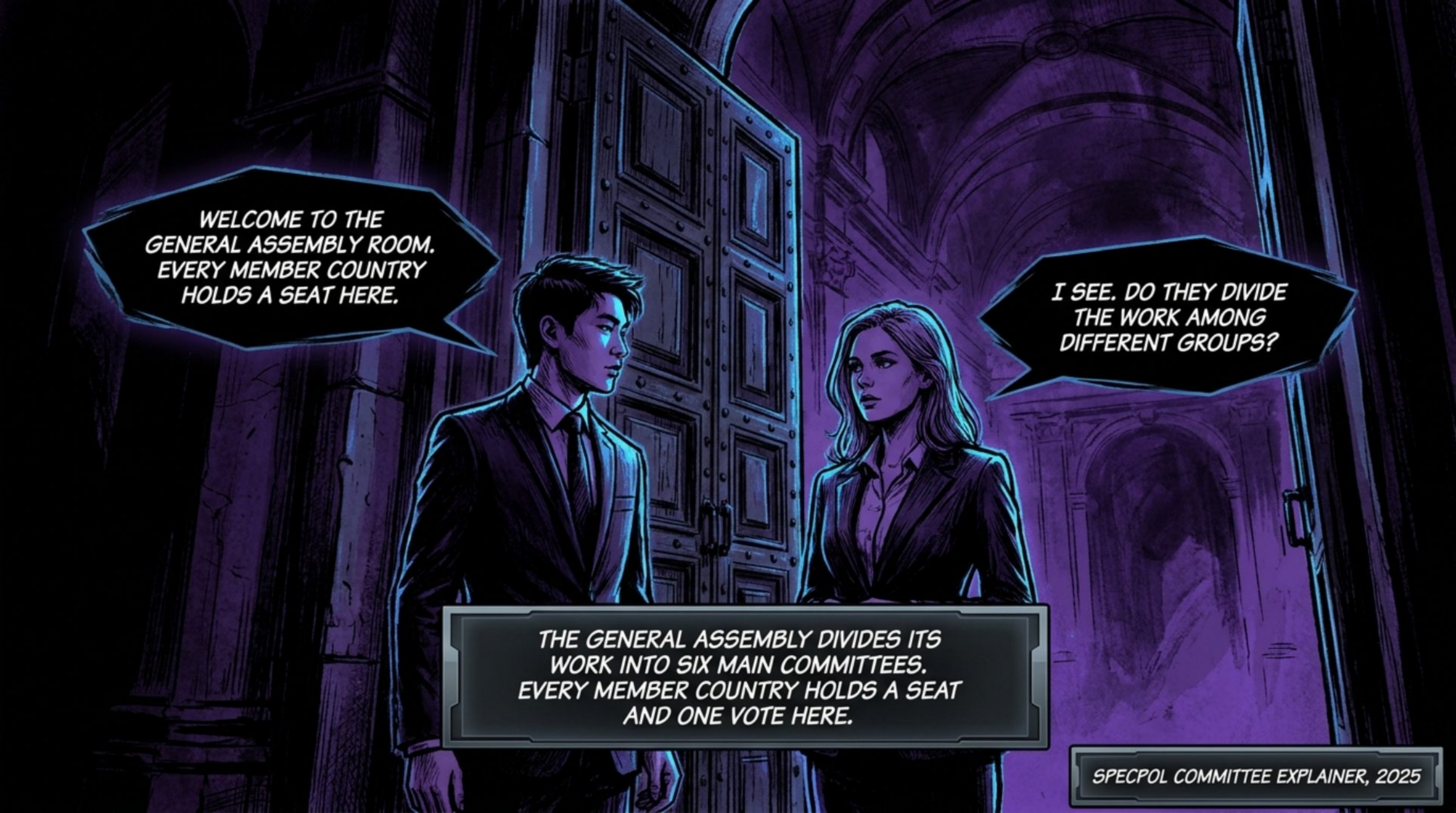


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WELCOME TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ROOM.
EVERY MEMBER COUNTRY
HOLDS A SEAT HERE.

I SEE. DO THEY DIVIDE
THE WORK AMONG
DIFFERENT GROUPS?

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DIVIDES ITS
WORK INTO SIX MAIN COMMITTEES.
EVERY MEMBER COUNTRY HOLDS A SEAT
AND ONE VOTE HERE.



We are walking into the Fourth Committee. Most people call it SPECPOL.

Does this committee handle questions that do not fit in the other five?

The Special Political and Decolonization
The Special Political and Decolonization
Committee is the Fourth Committee. It
studies a mixed group of political questions.



Why was this specific committee created?

It examines peace operations and the questions left by the age of empires.

SPECPOL exists to give member countries a place to examine peace operations and questions relating to decolonization.

An illustration of two women in professional attire standing in a futuristic control room. They are looking at a large curved screen displaying a world map with glowing blue lines and data points. The woman on the right is holding a tablet. The room has a dark, industrial feel with various screens and cables visible in the background.

That sounds like a broad range of issues. What else do they discuss?

They review special political missions and the effects of atomic radiation.

The committee also considers the effects of atomic radiation, questions relating to information, and special political missions.

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Do they ever discuss
outer space?

Yes, they handle the
peaceful uses of
outer space and the
agency for Palestine
Refugees.

FACT

SPECPOL handles international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space and the work of the agency for Palestine Refugees.

An illustration of two men in dark blue suits and ties sitting across from each other at a dark, reflective table. The man on the left is wearing glasses and has his hands clasped. The man on the right also has his hands clasped. Between them on the table is a small, glowing nameplate that says 'DELEGATE'. The background is dark and industrial. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the man on the left asking a question, and one from the man on the right providing an answer.

How does this connect to real peacekeeping operations?

We carry out a comprehensive review of missions. The C-34 committee handles the details.

SPECPOL examines how peacekeeping missions are planned, trained, equipped, and judged. Detailed work happens inside the C-34 committee.

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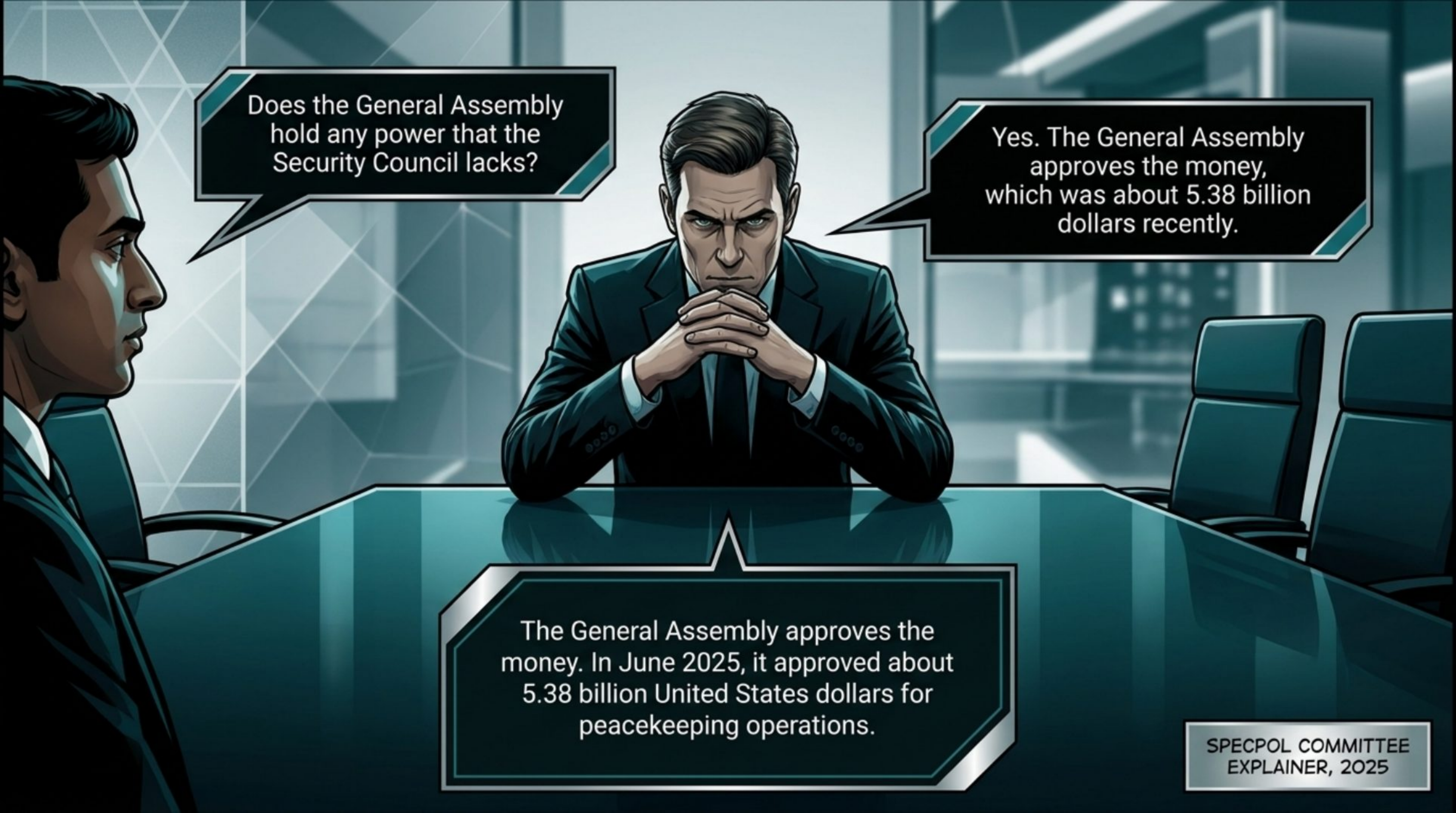


Can this committee create a new peacekeeping mission today?

That is incorrect. Only the Security Council can create a mission or write its mandate.

SPECPOL shapes rules and standards, but it cannot create missions. Only the Security Council creates a mission or writes its mandate.

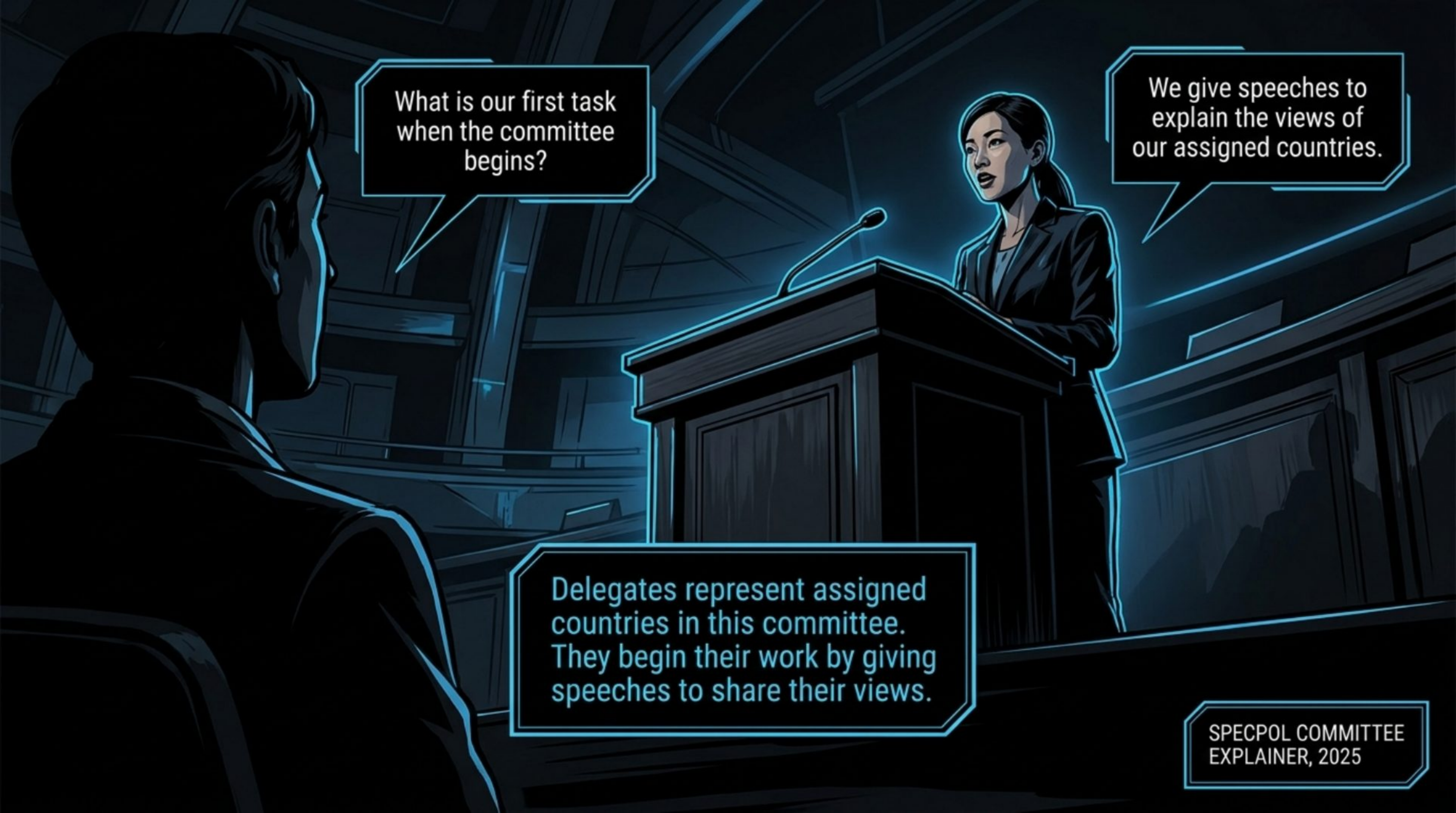
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Does the General Assembly hold any power that the Security Council lacks?

Yes. The General Assembly approves the money, which was about 5.38 billion dollars recently.

The General Assembly approves the money. In June 2025, it approved about 5.38 billion United States dollars for peacekeeping operations.

An illustration of a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a dark blazer, standing at a wooden podium with a microphone. She is speaking to an audience. In the foreground, the back of a man's head and shoulders are visible as he listens. The setting appears to be a formal committee room with wood paneling and large windows in the background.

What is our first task
when the committee
begins?

We give speeches to
explain the views of
our assigned countries.

Delegates represent assigned
countries in this committee.
They begin their work by giving
speeches to share their views.

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An illustration of four people in business attire standing in a hallway. Two men and two women are gathered around, looking at a notebook held by one of the men. The scene is dimly lit with blue light from a doorway in the background. Speech bubbles and text boxes are overlaid on the image.

Do we work alone after the speeches end?

No. We form groups with countries that share our views to negotiate wording.

Delegates form groups with countries that **share their views**. They negotiate the wording of their proposed documents together.

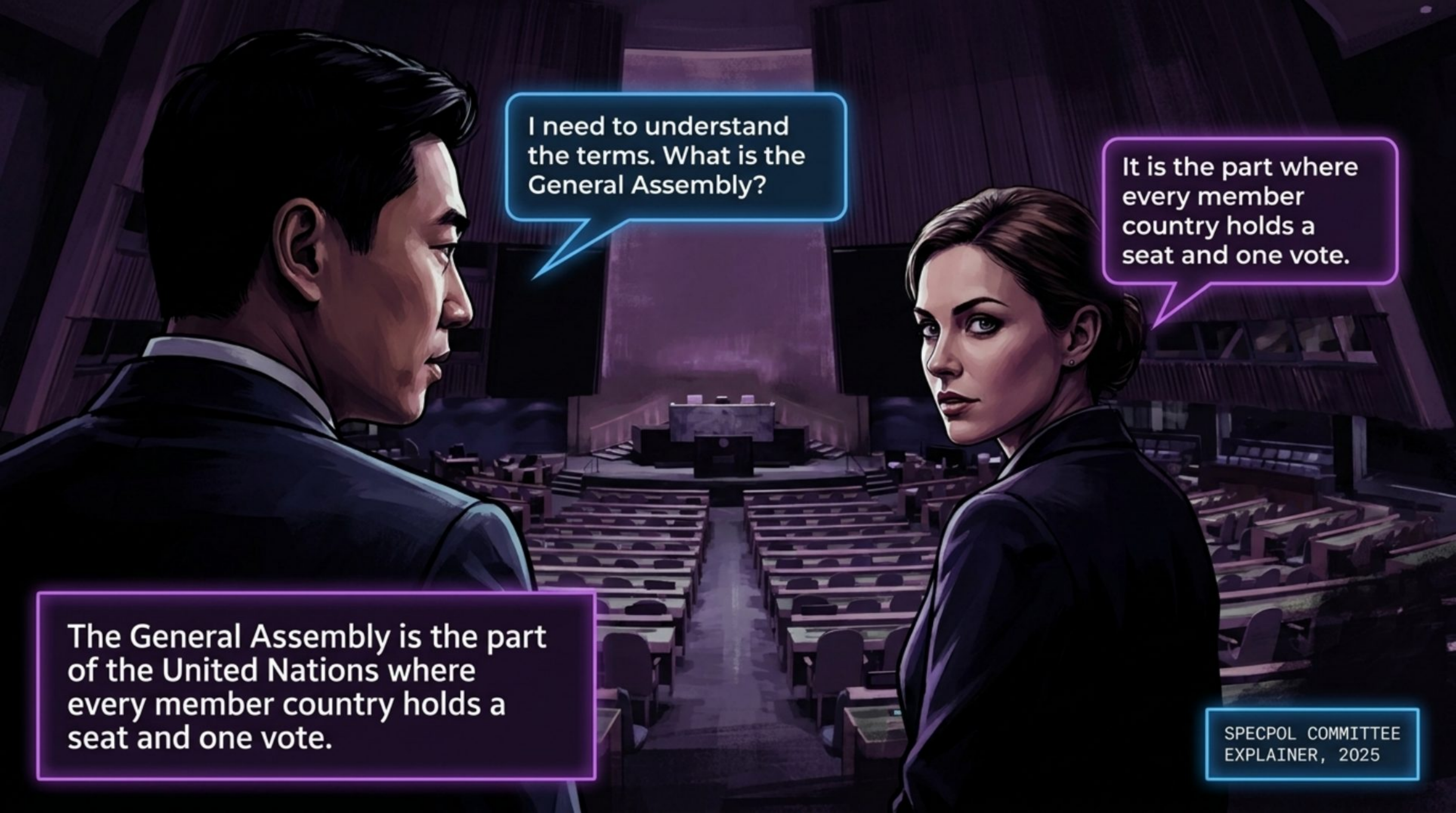
An illustration of a man and a woman, both in business attire, looking down at a tablet computer. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. They are both looking intently at the screen. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on their faces and the tablet.

What is the final result
of our negotiations?

We write resolutions that
recommend how these
questions should be handled.

Delegates write resolutions that recommend how
peacekeeping and related questions should be
handled by the international community.

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An illustration of a man and a woman in a large, dimly lit hall, likely the United Nations General Assembly. The man, on the left, is shown in profile, looking towards the woman on the right. The woman is looking back at him. They are standing in the foreground, with rows of empty wooden desks and chairs stretching out behind them towards a stage at the far end of the hall. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

I need to understand the terms. What is the General Assembly?

It is the part where every member country holds a seat and one vote.

The General Assembly is the part of the United Nations where every member country holds a seat and one vote.

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A stylized illustration of a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is standing with his arms crossed, looking slightly to his right. The background is dark with some light blue and green highlights.

Which body decides when a mission closes?

The Security Council holds that power, and it also creates the missions.

The Security Council is the body that holds the power to create a peacekeeping mission and decide when it closes.

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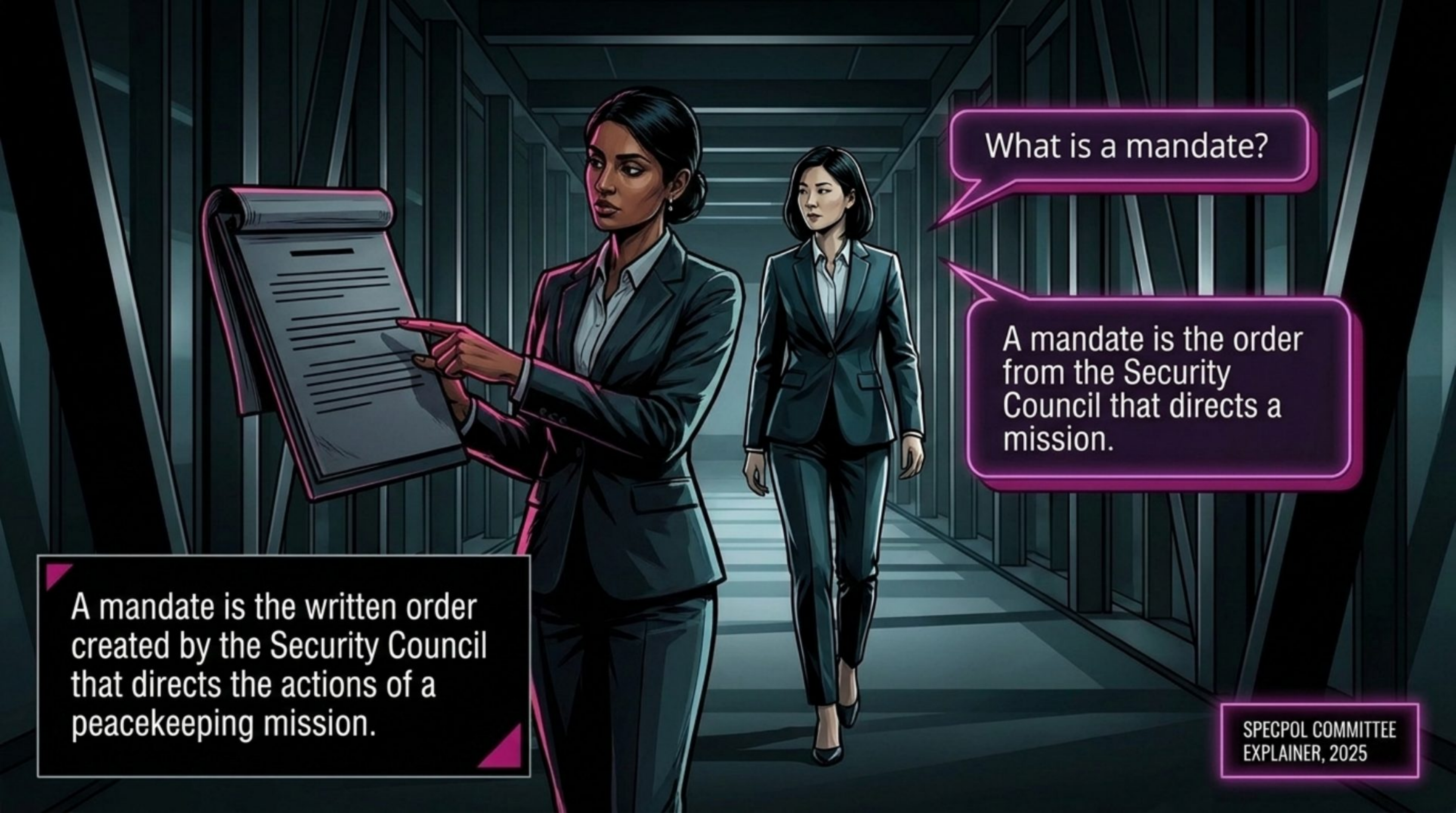


You mentioned the C-34 earlier.
What does that name mean?

It is the Special Committee
on Peacekeeping Operations.
It makes recommendations
for the Secretary-General.

The C-34 is the Special Committee
on Peacekeeping Operations, which
carries out detailed reviews and
makes recommendations.

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What is a mandate?

A mandate is the order from the Security Council that directs a mission.

A mandate is the written order created by the Security Council that directs the actions of a peacekeeping mission.

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What exactly is a resolution?

It is the written document that recommends how we should handle these questions.

A resolution is a document written by delegates that recommends how specific political questions should be handled.

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An illustration of two people, a woman on the left and a man on the right, in a futuristic, dark environment with vertical light beams. Both are wearing dark suits and holding briefcases. The woman is looking down at her briefcase, and the man is looking towards her. The overall color palette is dark blue and teal.

We understand the committee now.
What should we study next?

We must study the specific
topics on our agenda.

Delegates must study their
specific assigned topics in order
to understand how they can help
or harm international peace.

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An illustration of a man and a woman in business attire standing in a brightly lit hallway, facing each other. The woman is on the left, holding a briefcase, and the man is on the right, also holding a briefcase. The hallway has multiple doors on both sides and a bright light source at the far end, creating a strong glow. The scene is framed by dark, textured walls on either side.

Should we also review past peacekeeping missions?

Yes. We need to learn which actions were desirable and which were incorrect.

Delegates also study past peacekeeping missions to learn which actions desirable and which strategies were incorrect.

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