

I think I should confess that we have no exaggerated hopes about what the Committee of 33 may be able to do in the future. Nevertheless the Canadian Delegation, and our fellow co-sponsors, recognize that a significant number of members of this Committee would like to see the Committee continue because of their belief that there is a need to maintain a continuing dialogue. We have, by incorporating virtually all the Ethiopian amendments, recognized the validity of this point of view and have noted, in the words of the distinguished Ambassador of Ethiopia, that "these amendments ... do not bring any change of substance".

There is a further amendment by Cyprus to the 7-power text. This is to be found in L.134. Having considered carefully the purpose of the amendment and the spirit in which it has been put forward, we are disposed to accept it if the distinguished representative of Cyprus would agree to replace the word "voluntary" by "non-enforcement". Thus paragraph 5(a) of our text would read "that it authorize a study of the means of improving preparations for peacekeeping operations of a non-enforcement nature". This change in the amendment would we believe provide greater clarity while preserving the point which the distinguished representative of Cyprus wishes to incorporate into our text.

We also have before us two draft resolutions sponsored by Jamaica, a country which has been a faithful and vigorous supporter of United Nations peacekeeping efforts. The proposal in L.133/Rev.1 seems to us frankly to be redundant, since it deals exclusively with a particular proposal which is already covered by the 7-power draft. The other Jamaican draft resolution L.137 is of a different character. It would appear to assume the termination of the work of the Committee of 33 whose mandate many delegations seem anxious to extend. There is nevertheless an interesting idea in the Jamaican draft which might be considered by the Committee of 33 itself when it resumes its work. We have in mind the possibility of two sub-committees or working groups which, because of their smaller size, might help the parent committee to accomplish its aims more effectively by concentrating on specific areas of interest. If the Committee of 33 is continued we would like to follow up this idea in that forum, hoping meanwhile that our Jamaican friends will not press their present proposal.

Before commenting on L.138, a draft resolution co-sponsored by India, the U.A.R. and Yugoslavia, I cannot help but recall a very old saying - "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery". If that indeed is true, the co-sponsors of the 7-power draft must regard themselves as very flattered indeed given the close similarity between the substance of L.138 and much of the 7-power text. But of course there is one essential difference because the resolution in L.138, while basically reflecting our point of view and of a majority of Member States concerning the importance of peacekeeping, does not enable the Assembly to act in a very positive manner during this session.