

I do not wish to enter into details now of what should or should not be in the resolution that we pass at this time. In spite of our reservations, the Canadian Delegation will support the Tunisia-Pakistan draft resolution provided it is not amended so as to take it even further from our position. We believe this resolution as it is now worded offers the best possible solution - what we might call a balance of dissatisfaction - under the present circumstances. We accept it, and I wish to make this very clear, only as an interim solution, and we do not wish our acceptance to be construed in any way as an acceptance of any part of the resolution as a principle for future resolutions. We wish to be very sure that the examination which our resolution calls for will be based on consideration of all points of view, without any attempt to use this or that ad hoc resolution which we have adopted in the past, to sanctify this or that method of apportioning costs.

Mr. Chairman, while insisting that the resolution which the Canadian Delegation will support be considered ad hoc, we insist at the same time that it is still a financing resolution to be passed by this Assembly under the authority given to it by Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter. My Delegation cannot admit, therefore, the right of any State to decide whether or not it should pay its share of these costs, such as has been announced by two permanent members of the Security Council and others. Nor can my Delegation contemplate the imposition of conditions by member states under which they would or would not pay their assessed share, such as were imposed by the representative of Belgium.

Mr. Chairman, after these preliminary remarks on the resolution before us, I should like to introduce the resolution put forward by my Delegation in Document L.664. The resolution starts by recalling some of the main purposes of this Organization. These are not spelled out in detail since, after all,