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Text of Statement to be made by the Permanent Representative of Canada, Mr. George Ignatieff, in Working Group A of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on Wednesday, March 29, 1967

When the Committee of 33 held its first meeting this year on February 16, I said that the Canadian Delegation was prepared to lend its support to further efforts to try to work out some specific recommendations from this Committee, particularly on financing and peacekeeping preparations. Since then two meetings of Working Group A have taken place and some very constructive and positive suggestions have been made. The contribution of my Ethiopian colleague was a particularly eloquent and thought-provoking statement of the nature of the difficulties we are faced with, in trying to achieve some consensus on the various aspects of peacekeeping operations. The statement by the distinguished representative of Mexico was also interesting: his suggestion for the creation of a fund "made up of part of the income of the organization" to reimburse bondholders in strict compliance with the agreement on contributions in Resolution 1739(XVI) warrants elaboration in greater detail.

At this stage, Mr. Chairman, I should like to focus attention on what seem to be especially practical proposals