

We know that it is the habitual practice of his Committee to conclude our consideration of problems by crystallizing our views in a resolution. It occurs to me, however, ... that, when the exchange of views which we are now having draws to a close, we might well consider whether the best contribution which the UN can make to the settlement of the Algerian question is not to be found in the general expressions of concern and the encouragement to a solution which have been voiced here from all sides. If this view were generally accepted by the distinguished members of this Committee and of General Assembly, I do not think that it would be desirable for us to divide the Assembly by a vote which would undoubtedly hinder rather than facilitate the solution we all so earnestly desire. I should like to suggest that this is an occasion for self-restraint--for the UN, recognizing the indirect but very powerful influence which flows from our discussions here, to refrain from intervening at this delicate stage by way of a formal resolution.

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