

EXPLANATION OF VOTE TO BE MADE BY THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE  
IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, MR. LLOYD FRANCIS, ON THE FOUR-POWER  
DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/L.917/REV.1, 1968 BUDGET ESTIMATES  
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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to explain its vote on Resolution A/C.5/L.917/Rev. 1 adopted by this Committee last night. As we understand it, this resolution has as an objective the further development of sound management and orderly growth of United Nations programmes. The Canadian Delegation shares this objective and has, both in the Ad-Hoc Committee of 14 and more recently in my statement in the General Debate on the 1968 budget, outlined the principles we think should be adopted in the interest of furthering the effectiveness of United Nations programmes. We hold the view that the Executive Head of the Organization should draw up, on the basis of agreed priorities, a programme planned on a long-term basis, with appropriate cost figures attached. These long-term plans would be submitted to the appropriate inter-governmental organs where member states could, either accept or modify the programme, study the cost implications and the time phasing, and reach agreement on whether they were prepared to support financially what had been proposed.

We would like to emphasize that our approach of calling for the implementation of long-term planning on a programme basis rests on two essentials. The first is that the chief Executive Officer will propose and the membership will approve specific priority tasks. Without