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ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Text of a statement on November 5, 1954, by Mr. G.D. Weaver, M.P., Canadian Representative in the Ad Hoc Political Committee at the ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, on agenda item 21 - Admission of new Members to the United Nations: (a) Report of the Committee of Good Offices; (b) Admission of Laos and Cambodia.

Note: The text of a resolution adopted by the Committee and the results of the voting are included at the end of the statement.

The Canadian Delegation has again examined the question of admitting new members to the United Nations, and has listened with careful attention to the statements of other delegations. We are forced to conclude that we have made very little progress towards a solution since our last Assembly debate on this subject.

The situation still remains that 14 states whose admission is overwhelmingly supported by the General Assembly and by the Security Council are kept out by the veto of one member of the Security Council. A further 7 applicants have been unable to obtain the seven supporting votes in the Security Council necessary for a positive recommendation to the General Assembly. Until some solution has been found and deserving applicants have been admitted, we cannot claim that the United Nations is in a position to speak for the world as a whole and to exercise its functions as it should. The Canadian Delegation considers it a matter of great importance that some means should be found to solve this problem, and that all of those states which are eligible for admission under the provisions of the Charter should be added to our councils as soon as possible.

I should like to join with other delegations in paying tribute to the efforts of the Committee of Good Office (established by the 8th Assembly to explore possible solutions to this problem) and its able Chairman, the distinguished representative of Peru. I am sure that our failure to make progress is not due to any absence of zeal on the part of this Committee. On the contrary, there is no doubt that it approached its task with great persistence and ingenuity. In our view this Committee of Good Offices should be kept in being in order to be ready to take immediate advantage of any new development which might make a solution possible.

One possible avenue of advance we had hoped might be explored at this session is the suggestion made by the Secretary-General in the introduction to his Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 1954. After some very pertinent remarks on the serious damage