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Text of Statement made in the Fifth Committee by the Canadian Representative, Miss B. M. Meagher, on Item 21(B): (1967 Cost Estimates for the Maintenance of UNEF) on Monday, December 12, 1966

It is my honour this morning to introduce, on behalf of the 14 co-sponsors, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.5/1098 to provide for the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force in 1967. As recommended by the Advisory Committee in its report A/6542, the draft resolution appropriates a total amount of \$14 million which represents a reduction of \$304,000 from the Secretary-General's cost estimates contained in document A/6498. It is our understanding that the Secretary-General will try to keep 1967 expenses within the amount recommended by the Advisory Committee. My delegation is grateful to the Secretary-General, the Force Commander and their staffs for the conscientious efforts and extra work which have been required to implement the considerable economies already undertaken. We are satisfied that, where possible, economies will continue to be made.

I do not propose to discuss in detail the text of the draft resolution. Its provisions are straightforward and contain no innovations. In operative paragraph 2(a), the draft resolution continues to reflect the fact of life that the developing countries have a relatively limited capacity to pay. Accordingly, the division of total costs between developing and developed countries is the same as under resolution 2115 (XX).

Given the essential role which the United Nations Emergency Force is fulfilling, the purpose of this resolution is, simply, to raise necessary funds in the most feasible manner for the maintenance of the Force during 1967. Having been encouraged by the relative effectiveness of resolution 2115 (XX), the co-sponsors consider that this ad hoc formula merits repetition without prejudice to the positions of principle held by Member States as to the financing of peace-keeping operations. It is in this spirit of pragmatism that the 14 co-sponsors commend the draft resolution to the members of the Fifth Committee.