

It seems to us that it would be extremely difficult to carry out the programme which is implied by the statement by the representative of the U.S.S.R. which I have quoted. I am not sure either that the Provisional Government of Israel would wish to be made a member of the United Nations on these terms, or that the process of settlement in Palestine would be assisted by accepting the implications of this statement.

The position of the Canadian delegation is somewhat different. We regard the Assembly resolution as having the force of a recommendation, and we do not consider that the settlement which we hope will emerge soon in Palestine need conform precisely to any resolution of the Assembly. On the contrary, we consider that the Conciliation Commission recently established by the Assembly should be within the General principles laid down by the resolution of the Assembly, to seek a settlement in Palestine on any basis on which agreement amongst the parties can be reached.

This aspect of the question is, as I have already indicated, one to which we should like to give attention in detail. We do not wish to defer consideration of the Israeli application indefinitely. We should be grateful, however, for an opportunity to give the question more careful consideration. I hope, therefore, that the Council will not insist on taking a vote now on the Israeli application. I am impressed also by the reasons which the representative of France has given for a further brief delay, and I therefore give my support to the proposal which he has placed before the Council.

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