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In opening my remarks today, Mr. President, I wish to
congratulate you upon attainment of your present high position
and to assure you that Canadians have the utmost confidence in
your judgment.  Down through the years, representatives of our
nation have admired your devotion to the aims and ideals of the
United Nations, and we consider ourselves fortunate to have a
presiding officer of your experience and achievements.  Your
record is another example of the splendid contribution leaders
from the Latin American countries have made and are making to
the success of this world organization.

In this general debate, I do not intend to discuss
all of the important problems in which Canada is interested.
Instead, I shall deal with only those on which my Government
believes the Canadian position should be made known at once.

## Disarmament

One problem that is of universal concern is disarmament,
a problem the military, political and psychological complexities
of which have so far defied solution.  Yet we must find a
solution.  The risk of war arising from crises continues to
grow.  Technological advances have increased immeasurably the
destructive power of new weapons and have shortened to
minutes the period of warning of an attack.  Nuclear warfare
means annihilation.  Now, as never before, it is imperative
that all states agree on measures to place these new weapons
under effective control and progressively to outlaw them, and
at the same time to limit and control conventional arms.

I listened with much interest to the disarmament plans
outlined last week by Mr. Selwyn Lloyd for the United Kingdom
and by Mr. Khrushchev for the U.S.S.R.  We shall of course want
to study these plans carefully and shall reserve detailed comments
on them for a later occasion.  For the moment let me say that I