

CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(SIXTEENTH SESSION)

Press Office
750 Third Avenue
YUkon 6-5740

PRESS RELEASE NO. 4
October 6, 1961.

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ITEM

ENLARGEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION

Statement of Mr. Cadieux - Canadian Representative on the
6th Committee



Introductory Remarks

As this is the first occasion on which I have had the privilege to address the 6th Committee at the outset, I would like, on behalf of my delegation and myself, to offer sincere congratulations to you, Mr. Chairman, on your election as Chairman of this Committee. Similarly, I would like to offer sincere congratulations to Professor Mustafa Kamil Yasseen on his election as Vice-Chairman, and to Dr. Endre Ustor on his election as rapporteur. Already the discussion which has taken place suggests, Mr. Chairman, that plenty of challenges lie ahead which will test the skill of the newly-elected officers of this Committee, but my delegation has full confidence that these challenges will be fully met and successfully overcome.

On behalf of the Canadian Delegation, we would also like to extend a warm welcome to Sierra Leone, the United Nations' newest member, Canada looking on the admission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations with particular pride and pleasure, having regard to the close Commonwealth ties existing between the two countries.

History of the Gentlemen's Agreement

We have listened with great interest to the learned discussion that has taken place throughout the past two meetings on the enlargement of the International Law Commission item. While a variety of views have been expressed, there seems to be general agreement on one matter, namely