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Statement by H.E. Mr. Paul Tremblay
Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Delegation
in Plenary Session on November 29, 1962.

Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that the Canadian Delegation has listened to the report which has just been presented by the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and we wish to welcome him on this, the first occasion on which he has appeared before this Assembly.

This September the International Atomic Energy Agency held its Sixth General Conference. The Conference provided an opportunity to assess the achievements of the Agency's first five years and to draw some conclusions about the shape of things for the years ahead. Though it is by now a commonplace to say that the work of the Agency has not developed altogether along the lines originally foreseen, my Government is not for this reason inclined to underestimate the results so far achieved or to take a pessimistic view of the possibility of useful work in the future.

One of the most important activities of the Agency is to further the exchange of scientific and technical information, and particularly the Agency's programme of conferences, seminars, and symposia. The Canadian Government is gratified that through the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited it was able this year to play host to one such meeting held under the joint auspices of the Agency and of UNESCO. There is little doubt that these meetings give scientists of all