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Text of statement to be made by the  
Canadian Representative, Miss Margaret  
Meagher, on the Report of the IAEA  
(Item 14) in Plenary Session on Tuesday  
November 22, 1966.

The occasion of the presentation to the General Assembly of the annual report of the IAEA, by its Director General, provides a regular opportunity for all member States of the United Nations to focus their attention on the achievements of this important organization in the specialized field of atomic energy. This year the occasion takes on particular significance in that the IAEA is celebrating its 10th anniversary and it is natural, therefore, that we should assess its accomplishments, not only in terms of the past year, but over the first decade of its life.

Mr. President, Canada was among the pioneers in the development of nuclear energy and we have concentrated a considerable part of our scientific effort on nuclear research and development. Moreover, the Canadian Government has taken a deliberate and conscious policy decision to restrict our nuclear energy programme exclusively to peaceful purposes. It is not surprising, therefore, that the aims and objectives of the IAEA, directed as they are to the peaceful uses of atomic energy, should have engaged our sympathetic interest. Canada has been a member of the Agency from its inception and we have tried to play a responsible and constructive role in its deliberations and in its operations. In common with all its members we have a stake in the success of the Agency and we feel that at the 10-year mark in its history it is right to pause and take stock.

It is the Canadian view that the record of the IAEA is one which should give sober satisfaction to all its member States. The Agency is still relatively young but it is already well established among the organizations of the United Nations family, it is developing along sound and fruitful lines and it has many solid achievements to its credit. The