

Britannic Majesty for and on behalf of the Government of the Union of South Africa". All the Mandatory Power's rights and duties under the Mandate were conferred upon the Union of South Africa through the agency of the Crown, and at no time did the United Kingdom Government or any other of His Majesty's Dominions than South Africa possess any rights or duties regarding the Mandate.

We have certain reservations concerning operative paragraph 5 of the resolution. We think the distinguished representative of Ireland was quite right to ask for clarification of the meaning of this paragraph. We have noted the statements by several of the co-sponsors that this paragraph does not contemplate any forcible action. Nor, in our view, is it intended to permit deception.

However, it is still not clear how far the paragraph is intended to go. It has been stated here that there may be means of accomplishing the tasks given to the South West Africa Committee which do not involve co-operation with the Union Government, but the language used is imprecise and is open to varying interpretations. In the absence of clarification I must reserve the position of the Canadian Government on this paragraph.

We interpret the references to national independence and sovereignty in operative paragraphs 1 and 4 as meaning that only the people of South West Africa can determine their own future and they may decide on complete independence, or on association or integration with an independent state.

Mr. Chairman, I do not feel it necessary to elaborate on the attitude of the Canadian Government concerning the apartheid policy of the Government of the Union of South Africa. During the first part of the present session, my Delegation voted in favour of a resolution condemning the racial policy of the Union of South Africa as contrary to the United Nations