

we cannot liquidate the debts we have accumulated in the past, there is little hope that we can reach agreement on an adequate system for financing the obligations of the future.

Canada is also concerned, as a major contributor to peacekeeping operations, and in view of the possibility that peacekeeping will be financed on the basis of voluntary contributions, about arrangements whereby such contributors, who are not permanent members of the Security Council, can exercise an appropriate voice in initiation, financing and supervising of peacekeeping operations. We have noted with interest some of the proposals which have been made in the past and are summarized in part in paragraph 36 of the report of the Secretary General and the President of the General Assembly to the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations dated May 31, 1965. We believe it is important that these kinds of ideas be followed up and that some solution be found to a problem which we anticipate will become increasingly urgent if major contributors are to retain their confidence in and support for future United Nations efforts in this field.

I would not wish to conclude my remarks about Canada's general views on peacekeeping without referring to our belief that peaceful settlement of disputes must logically take precedence over arrangements to prevent hostilities from taking place or to restore conditions of order and security. Article 33 of the Charter is quite specific that the parties to any dispute shall "first of all" seek a solution by "peaceful means of their own choice". But even if a solution by such means is not found and the dispute is referred to the United Nations and peacekeeping arrangements are decided upon, we believe that a continuing obligation rests upon the governments concerned to strive to settle their differences. My Government for one will find it increasingly difficult to participate in peacekeeping operations, especially those that may be financed voluntarily, if we are not at the same time convinced that efforts to negotiate a peaceful settlement are being pursued vigorously.

I wish to turn now to the question of the future of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. We have noted the statement made by the President of the 19th Session to the Plenary meeting on September 1, 1965 that "there is general agreement that it is necessary to complete the work covered by Assembly Resolution 2006". By this Resolution the Special Committee was instructed "to undertake as soon as possible a comprehensive review of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, including ways of overcoming the present financial difficulties of the organization". The major part of the work entrusted to the committee by Resolution 2006 remains to be done. We believe the committee should be instructed by this session of the Assembly to continue its work and to report to the next session of the Assembly. The only change we would suggest in its terms of reference is