

By way of conclusion, Mr. President, let me say this. Canada believes that we must stop marking time on this issue. We must try to end the stalemate which has attended our discussions for a full sixteen years. We think the proposal to set up a committee falls short of what is required at this time in the way of specific directives. Nevertheless the committee does afford us an opportunity of moving forward if we are prepared to seize that opportunity and provided the committee is so constituted as to enable forward movement to be made.

We think that what is at issue here is the capacity of the United Nations to live up to the purposes of the Charter, to represent the world as it is, and to bring the great weight of its influence to bear on the issues of peace and security. Although, in the nature of things, we can only move forward on the basis of resolutions, I think I have made it clear that in our view this issue is not amenable to solution on that basis alone. It will require the exercise of diplomacy, good-will and accommodation on all sides, both within our organization and without. If that is the spirit in which the solution of this issue is approached, then I am not unhopeful that we may be able to unblock the road to progress towards making the U.N. a more effective, a more representative and a more credible forum of international deliberation and action.