

of Ireland when he spoke last Monday. The Canadian Government has supported United Nations peace-keeping efforts both by participating in such operations and by helping to pay for them. It has done so because Canadians believe that maintaining peace is a collective responsibility of the whole membership of this Organization and is, therefore, just as much in the interest of nations far from the scene of trouble as those in the immediate vicinity. Canada has also recognized that the heavy costs of large scale peace-keeping operations justify the special consideration given by the General Assembly to the situation of the less-developed countries in determining the scale of assessments to provide for such operations. It must be said, however, that the principle behind this consideration can be pushed too far - to the point where we would be paying lip-service to our collective responsibility while in fact abdicating it.

Thus, Canada is prepared to support the financing arrangements envisaged in draft resolution L.793 because we are convinced that pending the further studies to be carried out by the Working Group of 21 and bearing in mind the limited time at our disposal the cost-sharing formula evolved last June is the one which will carry the largest measure of support, both from those governments benefiting from the special scale of assessments and those governments whose voluntary contributions are necessary if the formula is to be implemented. Any proposal involving a lower rate of assessment for less-developed countries than that contained in draft resolution L.793 could not be supported by Canada.

The Canadian Delegation welcomes the effort of the Government of the Congo to do its part in resolving the difficult financial problem resulting from the maintenance of ONUC by offering to meet up to the equivalent of 3.2 million dollars in local costs. It is to be hoped that other Member States will not overlook paragraph 8 of the draft resolution and may take this opportunity of demonstrating their support for the Organization, particularly those with developing economies or those who place a relatively high priority on United Nations endeavours.