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Text of Statement to be made in the Third Committee
by the Canadian Representative, Mrs. Sally Merchant,
on Tuesday, October 3, 1967.

Before I address myself to the Draft declaration under consideration I would like to express the satisfaction of the Canadian delegation in the fact that a member of the Yugoslavian delegation has assumed the chairmanship of the Third Committee, and to express the delegation's and my own congratulations to you, personally, on your election to that office.

My delegation would also like to be associated with previous distinguished delegates who have paid well deserved tribute to Madame Warzazi who so capably chaired the Third Committee in the 21st Assembly. And may I also express the satisfaction of the Canadian delegation with the Committee's choice of Bureau--and express our confidence in and congratulations to Dr. Nettel of Austria and Mr. Adam Mohammed of Nigeria. The direction and the ultimate accomplishment of the Third Committee inevitably will bear the stamp of the outstanding individuals who offer leadership as it has already profited from the influence of the very eminent people who have participated in time past. As Canadians we take great pride in the contribution that one of our own countrymen has made--Mrs. Adelaide Sinclair is this year retiring after ten years as Deputy Executive Director of Programmes for UNICEF. Mrs. Sinclair's association with the United Nations and its Agencies extends over its entire history first as a Canadian Delegate to UNESCO in 1947; then as Canadian Representative to the UNICEF Board and finally in the capacity from which she now retires. Madam Chairman, I hope you will forgive our very natural pride in the great contribution that this outstanding Canadian woman has made in the field of international understanding and co-operation--and that you will allow me to pay her public tribute here.