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Statement by Senator A. J. Brooks, P.C., Q.C.,  
Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Delegation in  
Plenary Session of the General Assembly, on  
January 26, 1962.

The Situation in Angola

Mr. President:

The Government and people of Canada have viewed with deep concern the course of events in Angola over the past year. That this concern was shared by the great majority of Members of this Assembly is evident from the decision to appoint the Sub-Committee whose report we are now considering. The appointment of this Committee reflects, too, the widely held conviction that there is an appropriate, and indeed essential, role for the United Nations, in trying to resolve this unhappy situation.

My Delegation wishes to commend the members of the Sub-Committee for the conscientious and objective manner in which they have approached their difficult task. Of course there will be differences of view on particular points. But the general lines of the report, in the Canadian view, merit the support of this Assembly. In particular, it seems to me that there can be no reservation about the Sub-Committee's emphasis on its hope that "the United Nations and its member states will take further action as appropriate to persuade and assist the Government of Portugal and the Angolan peoples to embark on a policy of peaceful settlement in conformity with the Charter." Canada commends the report