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STATEMENT OF CANADIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
H. E. PAUL TREMBLAY
IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1963

Mr. Chairman,

Canada is most satisfied with the arrangements, in the preparation of which the United Nations has played a central role, intended to establish internationally agreed upon procedures for the exploration and use of outer space. Outer space, so recently opened for discovery, could, if we are not careful, become a cause for conflict between nations. We can all remember how in recent centuries nations competed and even fought over who was to control newly explored territories. Hopefully, through the United Nations, we can arrange for cooperative exploration and use of outer space, so that from the first this cooperation will become a factor binding men and nations together rather than dividing them one from the other.

Our debate this year on the peaceful uses of outer space takes place just after one of the most auspicious developments - perhaps the most auspicious development - in the process of bringing international order in outer space. The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, meeting less than a fortnight ago, gave its approval to a draft declaration of legal principles governing the exploration and use of outer space which represents the first significant step in drafting