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STATEMENT DELIVERED BY MR. LEO CADIEUX,  
CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FOURTH COMMITTEE  
ON THE QUESTION OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.  
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Mr. Chairman:

I have listened with great interest and close attention to the various statements made in this Committee concerning Southern Rhodesia and I have also examined closely the report of the Special Committee on this difficult and complex problem.

In its approach to problems of this nature my government has taken the basic position that human rights and fundamental freedoms should be respected throughout the world. We believe in a national right of self-determination and freedom of the individual from discrimination on grounds of race, colour, religion or political belief. We wish to promote the evolution of all dependent peoples who look forward to the attainment of self-government and independence. We look forward to a peaceful and orderly transition to a society in which all of the population will enjoy equal rights in economic, social and political life. We realize that each territory has its own special problems which must be taken into account in satisfying the aspirations of the inhabitants.

It is in the light of this basic approach that we have considered the situation in Southern Rhodesia. Mr. Chairman, previously in the United Nations my Delegation has stated that at a time when the principles of representative democracy have been accepted throughout most of Africa a minority of a little over 200,000 cannot expect for long to exclude a majority of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  million people from participating fully in the political, economic and social life of the country. We sympathize with the