

gradual approach on the financing aspect is preferable; and that the guidelines for future financing suggested in the 7-power draft resolution, of which Canada has the honour to be a co-sponsor, will place the United Nations on the right path.

Canada and the other co-sponsors of the 7-power draft resolution have listened most carefully to and noted with special interest comments on the text of our draft resolution and suggestions for changes. We should like to thank delegations who have done us the honour of undertaking a careful examination of our draft. If we are not able to meet to the satisfaction of all delegations the various points which they have raised, it is not through a lack of understanding or goodwill. Rather it is because in our judgement we cannot introduce additional elements, desirable as some of them may be, for the very good reason that we do not wish to upset the balance which our text seeks to achieve between various points of view. The co-sponsors of the 7-power resolution continue firmly to believe that our resolution provides for constructive and useful steps forward; and that it does this in a way which does not prejudice the fundamental constitutional positions of various Member States. Thus the preamble has been drafted in full respect of all the relevant articles of the Charter, particularly Articles 24, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 35. We should like to reaffirm, therefore, that a vote in favour of our resolution will not represent either a divergence from the Charter or a lack of recognition of the positions of principle of Member States.

We invite members of this Committee to look at our resolution in the proper perspective, as one step forward in a series of steps which must be taken if the United Nations is going to meet its responsibilities and respond to the hopes of mankind. We hope that the Security Council might regard this resolution as an incentive to cope more actively and positively with questions within its specific responsibility. Finally, we would hope as well that Member States would respond to the request to provide information about the forces or services which they could make available if requested to participate in a peacekeeping operation. This information clearly should be made available to enhance United Nations preparedness. Provision of such information in itself does not in our view involve taking any position on the question of authorization of peacekeeping operations.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I should like to speak to the amendments proposed by the distinguished representative of Ethiopia in L.131/Rev.1. I am pleased to inform the Committee that, with the full agreement of the Ethiopian Delegation and of the co-sponsors of the 7-power draft, all of the Ethiopian amendments have been incorporated into our draft with one exception. That is the fourth preambular paragraph in L.131/Rev.1. After careful consideration the co-sponsors of L.130/Rev.3 believe that the inclusion of such a paragraph - which underscores "the need for ensuring the financing" - would upset the balance of our text which deals with more than one aspect of peacekeeping. We would therefore urge our Ethiopian friend to reconsider this additional paragraph.