

*Adjournment Debate*

bility of the United Nations towards that territory and, in recent years, took unilateral steps finally to grant Namibia some form of independence. In fact, in 1975, South Africa organized at Windhoek, capital of the territory, constitutional talks based on ethnic representation, but excluding some interested Namibian political groups. Those discussions continued in spite of Security Council resolution 385 passed on January 30, 1976, that provided among other things for the holding of a free election in the territory organized under the supervision and control of the United Nations, to lead to the total independence of the United Nations and the total independence of a united Namibia.

The government of Canada and the governments of France, the United Kingdom, the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany support the Security Council petitions without reservation and feel that only a settlement in accordance with the provisions of resolution 385 will be considered acceptable by the international community. That is the message which our representatives conveyed to the South African government in Capetown.

The discussions between South Africa and the five governments are only preliminary and are mainly aimed at determining whether it is possible to arrive at a settlement of the Namibian problem in accordance with resolution 385. Any major aspect of a settlement of the conflict should be secured between the UN and South Africa. It follows from the foregoing that the terms of reference presiding over the ongoing discussions do not cover issues like upholding the peace or sharing expenditures, which come under the United Nations.

The first phase of the discussions that ended Friday April 29 was characterized by open and useful exchanges between the representatives of the five governments and that of South Africa. The five governments are now examining the results of those discussions and are considering further talks to take place soon.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 11.43 p.m.