

You will understand, I am sure, that since the discussions are planned as an informal and confidential exchange of views, the talks will take place in closed sessions. The press will, however, have an opportunity to be present at the opening meeting, when the Prime Minister will welcome the attending delegates. We have also planned for a demonstration by the Canadian stand-by battalion, to take place at Uplands Airport on the morning of Wednesday, November 4. There will be an opportunity for the press to be present at this demonstration.

As I emphasized in my statement to the House of Commons this afternoon, this meeting will not deal with any of the political problems of peace-keeping, such as the respective spheres of competence of the Security Council and the General Assembly or the problem of financing United Nations operations. These have to be decided in the United Nations itself. Nor is this meeting intended to lay the ground work for a permanent United Nations force.

We have already had informal assurances from the following governments that they are prepared to attend: Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Tunisia and the United Arab Republic. Formal invitations have been extended to these and other governments and we are hopeful that a number of other