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Statement by Senator F.M. Blois, Canadian Representative on the Fifth Committee, on Tuesday, April 18, 1961

Mr. Chairman,

My Delegation would like at this time to make some observations about the draft resolutions before us and also to explain to the Committee what my Delegation had in mind when it tabled the draft resolution contained in Document L.664.

The discussions we have had here so far have encouraged my Delegation greatly. There has been a free and frank exchange of opinion and much thoughtful analysis of the problems with which we are faced both in the particular case of Congo finances and in the more general context of the finances of the organization as a whole. My Delegation has been heartened by this discussion since from the beginning of this Session it had hoped there would be an opportunity for the Fifth Committee to examine a number of general questions bearing on the financial stability of the organization. Unfortunately, for one reason and another, our Committee began its work late and we have not had the opportunity which the Canadian Delegation would have liked to look at some of the broader implications of our work.

The Canadian Delegation has said before and wishes to repeat now its firm conviction that what we do in this Committee now and at the 16th Session, or what we fail to do, to put our financial house in order will have far-reaching consequence, the full extent of which we may not even be able to assess at this time.