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Statement by Mr. W.A. Irwin, Canadian Representative  
on the Second Committee, during the General Debate,  
on Thursday, October 27, 1960 (Item XXIX)

Mr. Chairman:

I do not propose to make a lengthy statement, since one of the items of the greatest concern to Canada, that dealing with the provision of food surpluses to countries experiencing shortages of food, has now been dealt with. I intend, however, to touch on a few general considerations which seem to us to be of special importance.

In the opinion of the Canadian Delegation, current international political difficulties must not be allowed to prevent the United Nations from achieving useful results of a practical nature designed to promote the economic development of less-developed countries. As Prime Minister Macmillan of the United Kingdom stated in his intervention in the general debate in plenary: "We must develop the general recognition that the interest of all is the interest of each, that the whole world must grow and expand together, that nations cannot live or succeed in isolation."

In this connection I was particularly struck by the comments of the distinguished representative of Sudan in this Committee on October 14 when he called for the expansion of existing United Nations facilities for promoting international co-operation and consultation. My country has always supported measures designed to give substance to the economic interdependence of today's world and it will continue to do so.

During this Session of the General Assembly all delegations will surely agree that urgent consideration should be given to the problems of the newly-independent countries and particularly those of Africa. Canada already has indicated its willingness to contribute to a Commonwealth programme of economic aid to the countries of Africa with which we are associated in the Commonwealth. Largely because of the increasing responsibilities of United Nations programmes in Africa, we have increased this year our