

The Canadian Delegation favoured referral of the Cuban complaint to the Organization of American States as it felt that the regional organization offered adequate machinery for the settlement of the differences between Cuba and the United States.

The Canadian Delegation therefore lent its support to the resolution sponsored by Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Honduras, Panama, Uruguay and Venezuela. In the voting, however, operative paragraph 1 referring the dispute to the Organization of American States failed to gain the necessary two-thirds majority. The seven-power resolution, as amended, was adopted on April 21, 1961 by a vote of 59 in favour (including Canada), 13 against and 24 abstentions. The Mexican resolution was not approved. The draft resolutions submitted by the U.S.S.R. and Romania did not reach the voting stage.