

that rather than continue in either of these two sterile directions, the Assembly might better address itself to seeking an interim arrangement which would allow the maximum participation of the people of China in the work of our Organization without depriving those who already belong of the voice to which they have as much right as anyone else in this Assembly. This, I would emphasize, is not, as some have called it, a "two-China" policy.

The essence of the Canadian position was last year and is now that the representatives of both governments should be seated here as an interim solution pending the settlement of the jurisdictional dispute between them. We believe that, irrespective of the new factors which recent developments on the mainland have introduced, we must continue to work towards the eventual and, in our view, necessary and effective association of the People's Republic of China with the international community. Because the resolution accomplishes only part of our objective and does not, in our view, provide a reasonable way out of the present impasse on the Chinese representation issue, we will abstain on this proposal as we did at the last Assembly.

As to Resolution A/L.533, we will vote in favour of this proposal as we did last year in the belief that its acceptance by the Assembly would mark a different and possibly fruitful approach to this issue.

As Mr. Martin said in discussing the Chinese representation question at the Twenty-first United Nations General Assembly:

"We think that what is at issue here is the capacity of the United Nations to live up to the purposes of the Charter, to represent the world as it is, and to bring the great weight of its influence to bear on the issues of peace and security. Although, in the nature of things, we can only move forward on the basis of resolutions, I think I have made it clear that, in our view, this issue is not amenable to solution on that basis alone. It will require the exercise of diplomacy, goodwill and accommodation on all sides, both within our Organization and without. If that is the spirit in which the solution of this issue is approached, then I am not unhopeful that we may be able to unblock the road to progress towards making the United Nations a more effective, a more representative and a more credible forum of international deliberation and action."