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Statement by Senator A.J. Brooks, P.C., Q.C.,  
Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Delegation in  
Plenary Session of the General Assembly, on  
November 27, 1961.

The Situation with regard to the Implementa-  
tion of the Declaration on the Granting of  
Independence to Colonial Countries & Peoples

Mr. President:

I wish to indicate the attitude of the Canadian Delegation towards the draft resolution contained in Document A/L.366 which is co-sponsored by 38 delegations from Africa and Asia.

Last year the General Assembly concluded a most important debate by adopting the resolution proclaiming the "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples". That resolution was a landmark in the political development of the United Nations. It was in accord with the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and was based on fundamental principles of the Charter.

Last year's Declaration on Colonialism gained added significance from the fact that it was initiated by states of Africa and Asia, that it was not opposed by any member state and that 89 members cast their votes in favour. Canada was pleased to be one of them.

It is natural and proper that having adopted the Colonial Declaration at its 15th Session, the Assembly should this year review the situation as concerns its implementation.

The Canadian attitude is based on several considerations. Foremost is our concern that fundamental human rights and