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Text of a statement made on October 12, 1954, by Mr. S.D. Hemsley, Canadian Representative in the Fifth Committee of the ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, on agenda item 53 - Organization of the Secretariat, and 38 - Budget estimates for the financial year 1955.

The Canadian Delegation was very favourably impressed by the approach of the Secretary-General to the question of the reorganization of the Secretariat when he placed before the General Assembly one year ago certain proposals on this important question. Although the proposals were at that time in the nature of a tentative outline, they commended themselves to the great majority of delegations and the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to proceed on the lines he proposed. In the view of the Canadian Delegation, the confidence thus placed in the Secretary-General has been completely justified. In the documents now before us we have a detailed reorganization scheme which in the view of my delegation is an excellent one. *It has obviously been very carefully thought out.* In the structural changes and staff arrangements that are proposed, there is evident a judicious application of the principles so ably set before us by the Secretary-General last year.

When we were considering another matter last week, the distinguished Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions rightly reminded the members of the Fifth Committee that it was decided at the San Francisco Conference that the Secretariat should be one of the main organs of the United Nations and that everything should be done to preserve that status for the Secretariat. My delegation has concluded that the reorganization plans of the Secretary-General will, by improving the efficiency of the Secretariat and making it more readily adaptable to the changing needs of the Organization, strengthen it in the role envisaged at San Francisco. We shall, therefore, give our full support to the Secretary-General's proposals.

I should like to make special mention of the Report of the Secretary-General's Survey Group. This document is evidence of a painstaking and intelligent review of the Secretariat and my delegation warmly commends the members of the group. We look forward with great interest to the results of the surveys which are to be made of the United Nations offices and activities outside headquarters.