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REPRESENTATIVE, H.E. MR. PAUL TREMBLAY
IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 6,
1963, DURING DEBATE ON ITEM 19(b):
UNEF COST ESTIMATES

Mr. Chairman,

I should like to preface my remarks by an expression of gratitude, which I am certain is shared by all other delegations, for the Secretary-General's efforts in response to the proposal made by the Swedish representative at our 1019th meeting. As a result, we now have before us a comprehensive report (Document A/C.5/1001) on possible ways of re-defining and limiting the functions of UNEF with a view to reducing its size and cost, without unduly increasing the risk of a resumption of warfare along the line. This report and the report of the Advisory Committee (Document A/5642) provide the relevant information required to reach a decision on the question of UNEF financing in 1964.

This question is similar to that which has taken so much of our time in the past; the adoption of an equitable method of sharing the costs of United Nations peacekeeping operations. We have long since settled the question of whether the cost of United Nations peacekeeping operations are the collective responsibility of all Member States. This was done at the seventeenth session when the Assembly adopted Resolution 1854 (XVII) accepting the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the financial obligations of Members. Furthermore, at the fourth special session the