

Canadian Statement on Bechuanaland, Basutoland  
and Swaziland made in the Fourth Committee,  
November 9, by Mr. G. E. Cox

Mr. Chairman:

I should like to make a brief explanation of the Canadian Delegation's vote on the resolution before us. We have reservations concerning the creation of a new United Nations fund. In addition to the bilateral assistance which Canada is at present extending to the High Commission Territories, the Canadian Government is also a major contributor to the various United Nations aid programmes. We do not consider the creation of another fund the best way of helping the three territories to achieve further economic development. In our opinion, this would set a precedent which might lead to a wasteful dissipation of United Nations efforts.

The Canadian Delegation will therefore abstain in the vote on draft Resolution A/C.4/L801.

