

Without wishing to anticipate the outcome of the debate in the Sixth Committee, it appears almost certain that the Special Committee or a new special committee will be constituted to deal, inter alia, with this principle prior to the next United Nations General Assembly. Moreover, many states which have spoken in the debate in the Sixth Committee have indicated their support for an eventual declaration or statement, to be adopted by the General Assembly at its 21st session, which would deal with all the principles of friendly relations.

The United Nations has found in the past, e.g. with respect to the definition of aggression, that to give precise meaning to such important concepts is a very difficult task. What is needed in this field is the development of firm understandings on the part of states as to what the principle of non-intervention actually means. Discussions in this area should therefore be directed to the development of broadly acceptable norms of behaviour which should have an important bearing on the conduct of states in their international affairs. What the First Committee is now attempting to do is an exceedingly important and delicate task which, if it is to be successfully completed, requires patient and thorough efforts to reach a genuine consensus.

The Canadian Delegation, in view of the present state of discussion in this Committee, considers that the best course, when we have concluded the general debate, is that **the** subject matter of item 107 be transferred for further consideration by the Special Committee on Friendly Relations which would naturally bear in mind all the remarks made in the First Committee.

The Canadian Delegation at this stage does not wish to enter into a detailed discussion of the merits and acceptability of the various parts of the several draft resolutions and sets of amendments which are before us. We will reserve our right, depending on the procedure which will be adopted following the conclusion of the general debate, to explain our point of view with regard to the several draft resolutions before us if it is decided to vote upon them. We have, incidentally, heard with interest that a number of non-aligned and Latin American delegations are to have consultations on a joint text. My delegation looks forward to the results of these consultations.

In voting on the resolutions and amendments before this Committee, if they come to a vote, the Canadian Delegation would be guided largely by the need to ensure that account is taken of forms of intervention which have now become one of the principal causes of concern to the international community. Canada would agree for example with the concern reflected in the Latin American draft among others about the continued use of direct forms of intervention