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REPORT OF UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUNGARY

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUNGARY, WHICH WAS RELEASED IN NEW YORK THIS MORNING, IS BEING STUDIED WITH CLOSE INTEREST BY THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES. IT IS A LENGTHY DOCUMENT OF OVER 400 PAGES, AND OBVIOUSLY WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION.

IT IS KNOWN THAT THE COMMITTEE CARRIED OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES DILIGENTLY AND IMPARTIALLY, AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DESERVE THE HIGHEST COMMENDATION. THE REPORT ESTABLISHES, WITHOUT LEAVING ANY GROUNDS FOR DENIAL, THAT THE HUNGARIAN UPRISING WAS SPONTANEOUS AND UNPROVOKED, THAT THE SOVIET INTERVENTION WAS IMPOSED UPON THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY, AND THAT THIS INTERVENTION WAS RESISTED AND RESENTED BY VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE HUNGARIAN NATION.

THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ARE NOW STUDYING THE REPORT AND CONSULTING WITH THE NATIONS WHICH CO-SPONSORED THE RESOLUTION SETTING UP THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT A MEETING OF THE CO-SPONSORS WILL BE HELD SOON TO DECIDE HOW THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT SHOULD BE HANDLED AT THE 12TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH OPENS IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER.