

Text of Statement to be made in the Fifth Committee by Mr. Paul Tremblay, Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations, on the French draft resolution on the study of the U.N. financial structure, on Tuesday, November 30, 1965.

Mr. Chairman, the Canadian Delegation has listened closely to the changes in the text of the draft resolution which have been outlined this afternoon by the distinguished Permanent Representative of France and which have been embodied in document A/C.5/L.843/Rev.1. We are satisfied that these modifications represent a consensus of the will of this Committee and we intend to vote in favour of the draft resolution as it now stands.

In welcoming the French initiative in our statement of October 27 in the general debate on the 1966 budget estimates, we expressed the view that a comprehensive study of administrative and budgetary procedures was necessary. We hoped that the proposed ad hoc committee would be given wide terms of reference to study the multiplicity of problems which had been highlighted so effectively in our Committee. We suggested that the committee should avail itself of the impressive expertise of the members of the Secretariat and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. At that time we sensed the emergence of a spirit of co-operation on the part of the members of the Fifth Committee. We are encouraged to observe in retrospect that this spirit has crystallized and that the general criteria which we mentioned specifically are unequivocal features of the present text.

Mr. Chairman, my Delegation wishes to commend the Delegation of France for its willingness at all times to consider carefully the suggestions and comments put forward by various delegations. In the view of the Canadian Delegation, the draft resolution which is now before us offers undeniable advantages and should be able to gain the support of a large majority of Committee members.

In requesting the Secretary-General to draw up a balance-sheet of the finances of the United Nations and in instructing the proposed ad hoc committee to comment upon this document, it is clear that the proposed committee is not being empowered to recommend new ways of resolving the financial problems of the organization. Of course, any statement of the financial situation of the organization must include

