

that my Government make an advance payment of about one and one-half million dollars towards Canada's assessed share of the expenses of the organization in respect of 1961.)

The question that remains is how the General Assembly shall apportion the reduced costs of about \$48-49 million which remain to be borne by the general membership in respect of the supplementary estimates now before us. On this question the Canadian Delegation believes strongly that the scale of assessments strikes an equitable balance between important principles. We believe particularly that it reflects to a very great extent the ability to pay of member states. For example, according to our calculations the more than 70 less-economically-developed countries pay less than 20 per cent of the United Nations budget. If the scale of assessments were applied to the reduced sum of about \$48 or 49 million, representing the net costs of the Congo operation, these more than 70 member states would be assessed only about \$8 million dollars altogether. The more than 30 member states assessed at the floor of .04 per cent would pay less than \$20,000 each. The Canadian Delegation would therefore urge all member states who are able, to contribute a share of the net Congo expenses equal to their share under the scale of assessments. In this way Middle and Small Powers would be able to maintain their influence in the peace-keeping activities of the United Nations.

Having said this, my Delegation nevertheless has great sympathy for those members who find themselves unable to subscribe fully to that scale when extraordinarily large financial burdens are imposed on the organization.

In order to meet the views of these delegates, my Delegation believes that it would not be difficult to devise a method of apportioning these expenses which would ease considerably the burden of those member states who would be unable to pay a share equal to their share under the scale of assessments. The Canadian Delegation has noted with appreciation the generous offer of the United States Government to contribute voluntarily up to \$4 million on the understanding that this sum will be used to make possible in respect of every member having a limited capacity to pay; a reduction of 50 per cent in the amount otherwise payable under the scale of assessments. My Delegation is confident that there are no technical difficulties lying in the way of such an approach, according to which one particular portion of the expenses of the organization would be apportioned by the General Assembly in a