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Southern Rhodesia (Item 23): Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples; Report of the Sub-Committee

Statement to be made in the Fourth Committee of the UN General Assembly (20th Session) by the Canadian Delegate to the United Nations, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Stanley Haidasz, on Tuesday, October 5, 1965.

Mr. Chairman, as this is the first occasion on which the Canadian delegation has intervened in the discussions of this Committee I should like first to congratulate you on your unanimous election as Chairman of this Committee. Your qualifications for this position are impressive indeed and I am certain that the Committee will benefit greatly from your wise guidance during the weeks ahead. I should also like to extend congratulations on their election to the other distinguished officers of the Committee--our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Bruce and our Rapporteur Mr. Natwar Singh.

Mr. Chairman, since the Fourth Committee last considered the question of Rhodesia there have been, as the Committee is well aware, a number of important developments in the situation. The attitude of all parties appears to have hardened considerably and the reports of the Special Committee of Twenty-Four have reflected the increasing concern of the international community.

There has also been an encouraging development. This is the degree to which the members of the Commonwealth of Nations representing a wide variety of races and cultures