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SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Statement to be made in the Fourth Committee
by the Canadian Representative, Mrs. Edwin
Fullerton, on the question of Southern Rhodesia
(Item 23) on Friday, October 14, 1966

Since the last discussion in this Committee on Rhodesia on the day of the illegal declaration of independence, there have been many developments concerning this crucial problem. Important resolutions have been passed by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council. The Council's Resolution 217 of November 20, 1965, called on all states "to do their utmost to break all economic relations" with Rhodesia. This resolution was a major step in the Rhodesian situation and in the history of the United Nations. The Commonwealth Prime Ministers, who devoted much attention to Rhodesia at their meetings in 1964 and 1965, held two meetings in 1966, one at Lagos in January entirely devoted to Rhodesia, and one in London last month at which most of the time was spent on this problem.

The policy of my country in this situation has been to act vigorously in support of United Nations decisions. Canada recognizes that Britain has the constitutional responsibility for Rhodesia and Canada has of course refused to