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Statement by the Hon. L.B. Pearson, Secretary
of State for External Affairs of Canada and
Chairman of the Delegation, in the Plenary
Session of the United Nations General Assembly,
New York, January 18, 1957.

The Assembly has before it a statement of the
factual situation regarding the withdrawal of Israeli forces
(Document A/3500 of January 15), which withdrawal is now well
on the way to completion.

We have also before us a resolution (A/3501/Rev 1
of January 17), which reaffirms previous resolutions concerning
withdrawal. This resolution is moderate in character and
unprovocative in tone and our Delegation will support it. It
notes with regret and concern the failure of Israel to comply
with the terms of the earlier resolutions passed in the Assembly
on this subject. It requests the Secretary-General to continue
his efforts to secure the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces
and to report on the matter to the General Assembly within five
days. The words of the resolution are quite clear in this regard.

We share with other delegations the regret that a
situation has arisen in which compliance with the earlier
resolution on withdrawal has not yet been completed.

But we would also regret and be concerned about a
withdrawal merely to the old state of affairs. We recall at
this time that the earlier resolutions--in accordance with
the terms of which Israeli forces are to withdraw--dealt with
matters other than territorial withdrawal, but matters which
are related to this essential step.

Therefore I hope the Secretary-General, in his
efforts which we support to bring about compliance regarding
withdrawal will, in the further reports which he is to make
to us, give consideration to ways and means of securing and
stabilizing through United Nations action the situation after
the withdrawal has taken place and pending a political settle-
ment which alone can establish real and lasting peace and