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our view, unobjectionable. The amendment goes further to request a study but without prejudging the result. My delegation would oppose any rigid formula laying down numerical values for each rank on the grounds that it would be both unworkable and would undercut the Secretary-General's authority. However, in the light of the neutral wording of the amendment and the assurances given this morning by the representative of Pakistan, we shall vote in favour of the amendment.

I should like to turn now to the draft resolution contained in Document A/C.5/L.883. As a bilingual country, Canada appreciates the desirability of ensuring a more equitable balance among the working languages of the UN and we subscribe to the view that the objective which this draft resolution is designed to achieve will enhance the harmonization of relationships within the Organization. It is our belief that this can only serve to strengthen the cohesiveness and efficient functioning of the Secretariat. I intend, therefore, to support this resolution.