

Such associations, it has already been pointed out, if consistent with the principles and purposes of the Charter, can be formed within the United Nations. It is to be hoped that such a development will not be necessary. If it is unnecessary, it will be most undesirable. If, however, it is made necessary, it will have to take place. Let us not forget that the provisions of the Charter are a floor under, rather than a ceiling over, the responsibilities of Member States. If some prefer to go even below that floor, others need not be prevented from moving upwards.

Two, or more, apartments in the structure of peace are undoubtedly less desirable than one family of nations dwelling together in amity, undivided by curtains or even more substantial pieces of political furniture. They are, however, to be preferred to the alternative of wholly separate structures.

This, you may say, is defeatism of the worst kind. It is not. It is merely sober realism. It would be folly to deny that certain events of the last twelve months have weakened the position of our organization. It would be folly not to admit that a continuation of this trend may cause it ultimately to collapse.

Our delegation, our Government, and our Canadian people are determined to do everything they can to prevent this tragic development. Our faith and hope still shine, though now through an overcast of anxiety. The work of this Assembly, to which we pledge our contribution, will, we trust, remove that anxiety, justify that faith, and heighten that hope.

### C. Canadian Statement, October 10, 1947

#### COMPOSITION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR GREECE

The statements regrettably made in this Committee yesterday by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and certain other governments indicating that they would neither participate in the establishment of the Special Committee nor co-operate with it after it has been established, make it all the more important to reflect carefully before we decide upon the composition of this Committee.

Now that we have agreed by a large majority to establish this Committee for the purpose of endeavouring to apply procedures of conciliation to the explosive situation which exists on the northern borders of Greece, and to supervise and facilitate the implementation of the resolution of the General Assembly, we must not be diverted from our purpose.

It was suggested yesterday in this Committee that our purpose might best be served by the exclusion of all permanent members of the Security Council from the Special Committee.

In this connection, a parallel was drawn between this Special Committee and the Committee which was sent by the General Assembly to Palestine to investigate and recommend solutions of the Palestine problem.

Surely we have now reached a point in the Greek case, in which it is not further investigation that is required, but action, urgent action, to conciliate and bring about adjustment in the relations between Greece and her northern neighbours.