

Summary

In summary, it can be seen that draft resolution number L-507 attempts to confine the terms of reference of this Committee to workable dimensions and to postulate a clear-cut course of action susceptible of concrete and positive results, namely, the study of the principles of the obligation to respect the territorial integrity and political independence of states and of the obligation to settle disputes by peaceful means.

I should like, if I may, to conclude with one further quotation from the speech by the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, John G. Diefenbaker, which summarizes the approach of the Canadian delegation to this whole question:

"In the stabilizing influence of the law, and in the maintenance of the spiritual things of freedom, peace with justice will be attained. In the strict regard by all nations to international obligations, and in a mutual desire to cooperate by all nations, mankind will be able to take the first faltering steps to disarmament and to ultimate peace.

"There will be those who will contend that blueprints for peace have been drawn in the past, and have failed. They will tell you that in 115 years there have been 73 wars; that in three centuries there has been a world war every twenty-three years. All these things are true. Pacts in themselves are not sufficient and will only succeed when justice under law and the pacts are builded together.

"By upholding the sanctity of the Rule of Law, by promoting respect for the law, by vigorously doing all we can to achieve and maintain freedom under law, lawyers will be contributing to the realization of the new order where peace and the Rule of Law are inextricably linked, where peace is secured through law, and where law will become the true and final security for all mankind."