

Before closing I should like to dwell on the amendments introduced by Somalia contained in Document A/SPC/L.127. We have listened with attention to the explanations of the distinguished Representative of Somalia, as well as those of the Representative of Pakistan, and we understand his desire to state before the Commission such deep-felt positions. Although some of the amendments do not appear to us to add substantially to the draft, others, particularly the amendments suggested in operative paragraph 7, unfortunately are liable to lead the debate into a deadlock. Consequently my Delegation feels it must vote against the draft amendment on the whole, and expresses the hope that the Delegation from Somalia will not insist on a vote. Such a decision on their part would help to maintain the unanimity we have been successful in achieving on our concern for the welfare of the refugees.

Our Commission also has before it another draft Resolution introduced by Afghanistan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Somalia (A/SPL/L.128). To my Delegation, the operative paragraphs are unacceptable because they are contrary to the elementary principle of international law and assign to the Secretary General a task which is impossible to fulfill.

Mr. Chairman, in the light of this analysis, the Canadian Delegation feels that the draft Resolution introduced by the United States of America, through its practical aspects and devoid as it is of controversial elements, meets the immediate and major purposes of our discussion.

The approval of this Resolution will bear eloquent witness to our activities this year. Consequently, my Delegation will be happy to vote for the Resolution in its original form as it appears in Document A/SPC/L.126 .