

determined Canadian voting in the Assembly; and it has dictated the strength of Canada's material and financial contributions to the United Nations operations. My Government could have wished at different times that different courses of action had been pursued in the Congo. It could have sought to influence the United Nations operations to serve particular purposes which Canada believed should be served. But we have considered that it was important to resist these temptations and to exercise a degree of restraint even when events were taking place, the immediate results of which were not to our liking.

In the Canadian view, what is at stake in the Congo is not only the future of that unhappy country, important though that is, but the continuing effectiveness of United Nations peace-keeping machinery, and my Delegation, in judging any proposal which is placed before the Assembly, must consider whether it would strengthen the peace-keeping function of the United Nations if it were adopted.

From this point of view, my Delegation experiences a number of difficulties in considering the draft resolution which has been presented in the name of India and a number of other Delegations. In its first operative paragraph, for example, the draft resolution asks the Assembly to consider "that the United Nations must henceforth implement its mandate fully." The obvious implication of the word "henceforth" is that the mandate has not been implemented fully in the past. Is this a just comment? My Delegation believes that it is not. The Secretary-General, in his recent speech to the Council, has pointed to what my Government believes is the real source of the difficulty. It is not that the United Nations mandate has not been implemented as fully as circumstances allow; the difficulty has been that it has not been possible to reach agreement on any definition of the mandate other than as interpreted by the Secretary-General and implicitly endorsed by both the Security Council and the General Assembly. The Secretary-General has objected, and with justice, in the Canadian view, to the practice of some member states of strongly criticizing the conduct of the United Nations operations in the Congo, yet failing to take the political responsibility for any re-definition of the United Nations mandate they may consider desirable. In these circumstances,