

did not come within the present framework of the general technical assistance programmes. While we have some difficulty in visualizing the exact sort of project which might qualify under this resolution, in accordance with this explanation, the Canadian Delegation will vote in favour of the resolution.

Text of a statement made on September 23, 1953 by Mrs. A.L. Gelbwil, Canadian representative, in the Third Committee of the eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, on agenda item 62 - Technical assistance in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women.

Following is the text of the resolution adopted by the General Assembly on October 23, 1953 by a vote of 47 in favour (including Canada), none against, with 13 abstentions:

"The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 504 J II (XVI) of 23 July 1953 concerning technical assistance in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women,

Approves the decision of the Council authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist these States in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women,

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made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and others. It also shares some of the apprehensions expressed by other delegations as to how the need for a Technical Assistance Programme in this field should be met, and as to its financial implications. Let me say that I for one am particularly interested in making sure that whatever is done here will be of a practical nature rather than only a statement of principle; and that is why I would have liked the resolution put forward by the distinguished representative of the Dominican Republic to be more specific. However, the explanation provided by the Secretary-General's Office contains some clarification which will not fully answer our doubts, makes it possible for us to support the resolution. It is my delegation's understanding that this programme of technical assistance in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women will not for the first year, last is 1954, require additional budget provisions, but that any requests for such assistance from member States will be met within the budget allocations of the United Nations. It is also our understanding that the priority for requests for technical assistance in relation to the status of women will be decided within the framework of the technical assistance programme, and will be judged on their own merits.

The Canadian Delegation would be very sorry if the Secretary-General were unable to meet any specific request for a similar and sound project in the field because it