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In view of the fact that several countries had expressed their intention of negotiating agreements to place their mandated territories under the Trusteeship Council, the urgency of creating adequate interim machinery until the setting up of the Council at the next session was recognized.

In the course of the debate several amendments to the draft resolution prepared by the Preparatory Commission were presented by the United States, Canada, China, Iraq, Australia, India, Belgium, and the Netherlands. The Canadian resolution read as follows:

"Until the Trusteeship Council is established and defines the term "States directly concerned" used in Article 79 of the Charter, the General Assembly should recommend that the following steps should be taken.

"A member of the United Nations which desires to place territories under the Trusteeship System should notify the Secretary-General or the Executive-Secretary of its intention and of the names of the states with which it intends to negotiate. (This notification shall be regarded as a "Declaration of Intention").

"The Secretary-General or the Executive-Secretary shall communicate this Declaration of Intention to all Members of the United Nations. Any Member which considers itself directly concerned and which has not been named in the Declaration of Intention, may so notify the Secretary-General who shall, in turn notify the Member which made the Declaration of Intention. It will be the responsibility of the latter Member to consider such claims as it may receive and to report to the General Assembly on the action it has taken in this connection when it submits a Trusteeship agreement for approval".

The value of the Resolution was admitted, but was voted down. The final resolution as adopted unanimously by the Committee for reference to the General Assembly, and adopted unanimously by the Assembly, was as follows: