

There are however, undoubtedly some States that would have wished to submit and also to have had circulated in advance of the Conference comments which they may not be able to have ready by this deadline. These States would, therefore, have preferred a form of wording that would at least have left open the possibility that such late comments might also have been circulated in advance of the Conference.

It is for this reason that my delegation, together with other delegations including in particular that of Finland, would have preferred that the relevant phrase in operative paragraph two have been modified by the addition of the words "if possible" before the words "not later than", so that the clause would then have read, "Invites participating States to submit to the Secretary-General, if possible not later than February 15, for circulation ..."

Mr. Chairman, as I have already indicated, Canada will nevertheless support the resolution.