

Statement made on November 11, 1953

In accordance with the wish expressed by several delegations toward the close of yesterday's meeting, the Canadian Delegation got in touch with the ones which had submitted amendments to the text of the Canadian resolution. It has been possible for us to adopt several suggestions which, without modifying the substance of the Canadian resolution, completed it in certain respects. The members of the Committee now have before them the result of these consultations (A/C.3/L.385/Rev.1).

In the first place, in accordance with the suggestion of the delegate of Saudi Arabia, a suggestion which was also made to us by other delegations, we have added to the preamble the first two paragraphs which appear in the text of the resolution submitted by Iraq.

As regards the amendments suggested by the delegate of the Soviet Union, in accordance with his first suggestion, we have added to the first paragraph a reference to Article 61 of the Charter. As for his second amendment, if I understood his suggestion clearly, he proposed that the last paragraph, being a repetition, should be removed. The Canadian Delegation does not feel that it can share completely this point of view, but, as suggested by the delegate of the Soviet Union, it has removed the last five words of the last paragraph (for its guidance and information).

In response to the suggestion made by the delegate of Egypt that the end of the sentence commencing with the words "which states ..." be removed from the first paragraph, the Canadian Delegation had expressed the opinion that it did not think it could adopt his suggestion, but had added that, if the opinion of the Delegate of Egypt were shared by other delegations, the Canadian Delegation would agree. The Delegate of Uruguay and some other delegations having informed us that they supported the suggestion of the Egyptian Delegate, we have adopted it.

We indicated yesterday that the Canadian Delegation accepted the suggestions of the Chinese Delegate, and in the new text of the resolution, the word "draft" appears before the word "proposals" in Paragraphs 4 and 5.

The Canadian Delegation has also added the amendment of the Delegate of Guatemala to the other documents to be referred to the Economic and Social Council.

As regards the amendment proposed by the Delegate of New Zealand, it seems to us that the word "consider" suggests the same idea as the words "take into account".

In a constructive spirit and aware that no draft resolution submitted by any country is perfect, the Canadian Delegation has been happy to accept the suggestions made to it; it thanks the different delegations which have proposed corrections and expresses the wish that the Canadian resolution, in its new form, will receive the unanimous support of the members of the Third Committee.