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ADEN

Text of Statement in Explanation of Vote
on Question of Aden to be delivered in
the Fourth Committee by the Canadian
Representative, Mr. Gordon E. Cox, on
Wednesday, November 3, 1965.

Mr. Chairman, I wish to explain the Canadian position
on the resolution on which we are to vote.

Before commenting on particular paragraphs of the
resolution, I should like to say that the Canadian Delegation
has listened with great interest to the statements made by
the petitioners and by the distinguished representatives on
this Committee who have taken part in the general debate on
the question of Aden. During this debate a variety of
opinion was expressed and we had hoped that the fact that
there was a genuine difference of opinion about the modalities
of future constitutional development in Aden and about the
actual situation prevailing in that territory would be
reflected in any draft resolution placed before the Committee.
We regret that the resolution in no way acknowledges diffi-
culties faced by the British Government and the efforts
expended in pursuit of its expressed aim of bringing South
Arabia to independence not later than 1968. In general we
consider that the resolution is not based on a balanced
assessment of the situation in the area and accordingly
proposals for United Nations acting deriving from that assess-
ment are not likely to achieve a genuine step forward in the
attainment of independence for the territory.

In addition, the Canadian Delegation believes that
it must put on record its views on certain paragraphs. We
do not consider that the General Assembly should make
judgments **in** terms which infringe upon the responsibilities
of the Security Council. Moreover, we consider that the
judgment which is made overstates the case.