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Mr. Chairman,

I should like to apologize for taking the time of the Committee to speak twice on this item, but a number of points have been raised since my earlier statement concerning the resolution of which my Delegation has the honour to be a co-sponsor, and I should like to comment very briefly on these points.

May I begin by expressing the pleasure of the co-sponsors of Draft Resolution L.507 at the response which it has received in this Committee. If I have understood correctly the statements which have been made, the majority have expressed their concurrence with it and not one delegation has criticized it substantively. Moreover, it has been our feeling that the level of debate in this Committee, both with respect to our resolution and the others which have been tabled, has been conducted on a very high plane and that, if I may refer for a moment to the hope expressed in my opening statement, we have indeed been able to "avoid contentious political issues as much as possible, while not ignoring political realities" and have approached this topic "as lawyers seeking workable solutions to problems." Such criticisms as have been made of Resolution L.507 have, the co-sponsors feel, been offered in a constructive spirit, and it is in this same spirit that I should like to attempt to clarify certain points which have been raised concerning it.

I have in mind principally the comment made by several speakers that Resolution L.507 is "too narrow".