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## CANADA AND THE FINANCING OF ONUC

*In a statement to the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly on October 9, the Canadian representative, Senator T. D'Arcy Leonard, discussed as follows two reports, by the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee, on the financing of the operations of the UN Force in the Congo:*

... Since the establishment of the Force, assessments totalling more than \$260 million have been made and many individuals, including the late Dag Hammarskjold, have made the supreme sacrifice. And so the United Nations has a considerable interest and investment in peace in the Congo. However, while the clouds of the recent storm over the Congo are beginning to disappear, it seems too soon to tell whether the skies will remain clear.

As a result of this uncertain situation, the Congolese Government, as is its prerogative, has indicated that it would prefer to have the United Nations force remain in the Congo during the first six months of 1964. Understandably, this request has received the full support of the other African nations, and my Delegation finds itself in sympathy with the view that it would be most unwise for the United Nations to risk unduly its monetary and human investment in the Congo operation by withdrawing its assistance before there are more positive indications that peace and stability may be maintained in that troubled land. It is for these reasons that my Delegation intends to support Draft Resolution A/C.5/L.793, which is co-sponsored by

16 African states and which was so ably and eloquently introduced by the distinguished Delegate of Nigeria.

### CANADA'S POSITION

Becoming more specific I would like to summarize the position of my Delegation towards the Congo Force cost estimates. While some members have had doubts and disagreements on this question in the past, the Canadian Delegation has consistently supported the United Nations in its efforts to achieve the tasks outlined for ONUC in the resolutions adopted by the relevant and competent organs of the United Nations. Canadian military and civilian personnel have seen service with the United Nations in the Congo since 1960 and the Canadian Government is willing to continue to provide such personnel during the period that we now have under review.

It follows from what I have said that, in addition to its normal assessment under the terms of this draft resolution, the Canadian Government is prepared to consider the request... regarding voluntary contributions. However, I should point out that the Canadian Government considers the method of financing contained in Draft Resolution L.793... to be only a provisional and temporary expedient, and not a precedent for the future.

We have noted the suggestions advanced by one or two delegations that the amount to be appropriated should be \$1 million less than that considered necessary by the Secretary-General and that the