

proposition, and whether it will be self-liquidating or may lead to the adoption of resolutions on specific points, or to elaborating draft conventions, or to other documents, or to all these results. Accordingly we can only at this stage treat with great reserve any predetermined solutions or prefabricated declarations.

Mr. Chairman, references were made in the course of this debate to a document tabled in this Committee at the Seventeenth Session, namely, to Draft Resolution A./C.6/L.505 submitted on October 26, 1962 by the Delegation of Czechoslovakia and consisting of a proposed Draft Declaration of Principles of International Law. As reflected in the Official Records of the Seventeenth Session, that document, together with two other draft resolutions, moved respectively by the delegations of Yugoslavia and of Canada, were withdrawn by their respective co-sponsors in favour of compromise Resolution 1815, which constitutes the item before the Sixth Committee at its current session.

Therefore, this delegation takes exception to certain statements made at this Session which, if we understood them correctly would tend to indicate that draft resolution A./C.6/L.505 may be considered as still before this Committee. Such attempts to reopen the terms of Resolution 1815, which was unanimously agreed last year after a lengthy debate and difficult negotiations, we can only interpret as attempts to flout the express wishes of the General Assembly.

On the question of timing, we regret that various proponents of a target date have striven to change the list of topics laid out in Resolution 1815, thus provoking some time-wasting discussions. We fail to understand how they reconcile urging speed with their own efforts to bring back under the priority topics proposals which were discarded from Resolution 1815. Some of these proposals are better discussed and are being discussed in other forums; others might lead the Sixth Committee to being at cross-purposes with the work of the International Law Commission; finally, with all due respect, others are perhaps false problems which appear to stem from semantic distinctions.