

(At a subsequent meeting held later in the day the draft statement was discussed and approved).

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*Le représentant permanent auprès des Nations Unies
au secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Permanent Representative to United Nations
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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CHINESE REPRESENTATION

Following is the text of a statement which the Minister intends to make in plenary this morning in connection with the USA moratorium resolution concerning the inclusion in the agenda at this session of the question of Chinese representation: "The Chinese question under discussion, upon which we are considering the General Committee's report, is one of the most important with which the UN organization is faced. There are factors which confuse and complicate the issue when military activities taking place in the Taiwan Straits area threaten the peace of the world.

It would be unrealistic to regard the China problem here at the General Assembly in isolation from what is happening in the Taiwan Straits, for surely it has a bearing on the matter. It is the opinion of the Canadian delegation that it would not repeat not be timely for the General Assembly at the thirteenth session to consider the question of Chinese representation because the international tension which has resulted from the pressing by military means of the dispute over the Chinese off shore islands would not repeat not afford a proper atmosphere for a discussion of the matter of Chinese representation in the UN. My delegation, for this reason, will vote in favour of the resolution which would effect postponement of the consideration of this question for the present session.

Distinguished delegates have expressed their hope that the talks between USA and communist Chinese representatives now going on in Warsaw will result in arrangements being made which will alleviate the dangerous situation off the China coast. I earnestly join in this hope, and I trust that the warlike activities will cease, since resort to force and the threat of force produce nothing but the danger of war".

2. We shall confirm delivery of the statement.