

Item 21(B): Statement Introducing 1965 and 1966 UNEF Financing
Resolutions made by Stuart Hemsley in Fifth Committee on
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Yesterday I said in this debate that my delegation's hope was that the committee would adopt recommendations which will secure adequate financial provision for UNEF. Negotiation of arrangements of this kind is difficult and usually takes considerable time, which is a commodity in very short supply at this time. For this reason we, in company with a number of other delegations, have been working long hours on a formulation which it is our hope will command a broad measure of support. We have tried to consult with the widest possible group of countries and we wish to express our apologies if through haste we have inadvertently missed any of our colleagues.

Mr. Chairman, it is now my pleasure, with the co-sponsorship of the delegations of Brazil, Denmark, Liberia, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines and Sweden to introduce the draft resolution contained in document No. A/C.5/L862.

I do not propose to discuss the text in detail because I think it speaks for itself. It is a compromise and as such is not completely to the taste of any of us, but it is our hope that most delegations will be able to live with it as the best answer that can be obtained under the difficult circumstances in which it has been worked out. We are aware of the desire of many delegations that, in the context of the study in the Committee of 33 and the budgetary analysis to be made by the recently-established Ad Hoc Committee, we should not break new ground and adhere as closely as possible to the formula used in past years. This we have attempted to do to the greatest extent feasible within the limits of finding a compromise which has any hope of being acceptable.

There is perhaps one point on which I should comment. It will be noted that the amount appropriated for 1966 is the target figure of \$15 million proposed by the ACABQ. My delegation hopes that this target will be met but realizes that it may not be possible, in which case we will be prepared to support the approval of supplementary appropriations at the next session of the Assembly.