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Statement by Mrs. Alene Holt, Canadian Representative
on the Third (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural)
Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, on
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Draft Declaration on the Rights of the Child

Madame Chairman,

To Mr. Mahmud and all the members of the Delegation of Ceylon, on behalf of Canada, I would like to extend our sincerest sympathy on the passing of your Prime Minister, S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike. We regret exceedingly the circumstances of his death and would ask that you convey from Canada sincere condolences and the hand of friendship to your citizens and members of the late Prime Minister's family.

In my first statement to this Committee I wish to offer you, Madame Chairman, my congratulations on your election to your high office. I would also like to congratulate Mr. Mahmud, our vice-chairman, and Mr. Cuevas Cancino, our rapporteur. Personally, I consider it a great honour and privilege to be associated with this committee which in the past has accomplished so much useful and important work. I shall do my utmost to continue here the good work of my Canadian predecessors.

Madame Chairman, there are approximately six million children in Canada. The great majority of them live in a