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3/69 CHANGE IN OPENING DATE

of statement made on November 16, 1953 by Mr. S.D. Hemsley,
sentative of Canada, in the Fifth Committee of the eighth
on of the United Nations General Assembly, on agenda
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al Assembly

- The text of the resolution adopted by the Assembly
and the results of the voting are included at the
end of the statement.

I should like to associate myself with the
ution of the distinguished representative of Pakistan.
legation agrees that the autumn session should be
ned but we have considerable doubts as to the wisdom
ferring the opening date - possibly by two weeks.

While we agree that ideally documentation should
re nearly complete before the session is convened, we
fearful of putting off the opening date for this purpose
e. If we do we might find ourselves in an even less
table position at Christmas time.

We would not like to see the Assembly in the position
aving to adjourn in December, an experience we have had
he past.

For this reason and for the reason that the earlier
meets the parliamentary programme of my country more
urately, my delegation would wish to see no change in the
ent provision.

Resolution

Following is the text of the resolution which was
oved unanimously in a plenary meeting of the General
mbly on December 9, 1953 (Doc. A/2620):

"The General Assembly,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General
erning the question of a change in the opening date of
lar sessions of the General Assembly (A/2436);

Noting also the observations of the Advisory
ittee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as con-
ed in its twentieth report to the eighth session of the
eral Assembly (A/2553);

Concurs in the recommendation of the Advisory Committee
dministrative and Budgetary Questions that the existing
vision in the rules of procedure concerning the opening date
the General Assembly sessions should be maintained."