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Statement by Senator F.M. Blois, on the Fifth Committee
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This Committee has already discussed at length the question of financing the Congo Operation and my delegation has already made known its views on the importance of this question to the development of this organization, if not to its very survival. My delegation's views were given at some length in this committee on December 5 and elaborated subsequently. I do not intend to repeat now what I said then. However, nothing has happened to alter my delegation's view that what we do here, or fail to do, will have implications for all aspects of the work of the United Nations. An organization which has to rely so heavily on short term measures to finance its daily regular work, as well as its all important peace keeping operations, is in grave danger of being permanently damaged as an instrument in which the member nations can place their trust and respect.

This Committee cannot approach its consideration of the financing of the Congo operation along narrow and restrictive lines. We must have constantly in mind that what is involved is the ability of the organization to discharge the tasks for which it was created. For Canada, as I am sure for all of us here, the purpose of the United Nations as a means to maintain international peace and security is all important. The United Nations role in economic development,