

subject. The Canadian commentary in Document A/AC.121/17 represents a very considerable effort to set down our views about the meaning of peace-keeping, as well as the technical details. It is in the section on training particularly that the Canadian authorities have endeavoured to outline clearly what peace-keeping is all about, and what sort of people are required for it. There is also a wealth of detail in our commentary on the arrangements which need to be made in advance, including an example of a standard status-of-forces agreement.

In concluding this general review of the state of peace-keeping at the twenty-third session, I have taken into account our past experience and our hopes for the future. Our hopes are based on the belief that the divisions of the past, particularly among the major powers represented in this organization, will at last be bridged so that future peace-keeping can be carried out on a generally acceptable basis. I must say also that our hopes for the future will be greatly enhanced if the long-standing deficit in the United Nations budget as a result of past disagreements over the financing of peacekeeping operations is once and for all eliminated. We regret very much the continued existence of this problem, which undermines confidence in our organization and has a depressing effect on all those who have done their best to support the United Nations financially and in every other way. I would therefore appeal to those member states which have not yet done so to consider what contribution they can make, and soon, in response to the consensus reached on September 1, 1965 — a consensus which has been endorsed by Resolutions 2053(A)XX, 2249 (S-V) and 2308 (XXII). As we approach the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, the appropriateness of magnanimous gestures to this organization can only increase. I should like to express the wish, therefore, that, before the twenty-fifth anniversary is reached, those additional necessary voluntary contributions will have been made so that the existing deficit will be eliminated; and so that the future may be faced, as the Secretary-General has frequently urged, with renewed hope and confidence.

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