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Text of Statement to be made by the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Paul Martin, P.C., Q.C., M.P., on Tuesday, November 22 in the Special Political Committee on Item 33 (Comprehensive Review of the Whole Question of Peacekeeping Operations in all their aspects: Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations).

Mr. Chairman, I welcome the opportunity to take part in the highly important debate on peacekeeping in this Committee. The United Nations is now 21 years old. It has reached its maturity and must live up to its responsibilities for peace, for security and for the welfare and best interests of all mankind. When I dealt with the question of peacekeeping in my statement to the General Assembly on September 23 I expressed the belief of Canada that action at this Assembly to maintain and strengthen the peacekeeping capacity of the United Nations would command the support of the majority of the membership. I also indicated that, if it seemed appropriate, my Delegation would be prepared to put forward specific proposals for consideration by the General Assembly. I believe that the time to do this has now arrived. I also believe that this can be done in a manner which respects the viewpoints of all Delegations and recognizes the limitations imposed upon us by the different positions held.

A/SpC/11.130
Mr. Chairman, I have the honour this morning to introduce in this Committee the draft resolution on peacekeeping in document *A/SpC/11.130* on behalf of the Delegations of Argentina, Chile, Iran, Italy, Nigeria, Norway and Canada. This draft resolution has been developed over a period of several weeks in consultation with a large number of Delegations of widely differing viewpoints. All the views we have heard informally have been very carefully considered and taken into account in accordance with our desire to put forward a broadly based and generally acceptable text. The Canadian Delegation believes, Mr. Chairman, that the draft resolution in document *A/SpC/11.130* fully reflects the approach toward this item outlined in this Committee on November 16 by the Canadian Representative Mr. Pierre-Elliott Trudeau. In other words, Mr. Chairman, I believe that