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STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN  
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IN THE GENERAL DEBATE ON OCTOBER 3, 1961.

Mr. President:

At no other time in its 16 years has the United Nations faced so many large issues, some of which threaten its survival. Many of these issues have been placed on the agenda, but the one which immediately confronts us results from the tragic death of the Secretary General. Before we can deal effectively with any other question, some interim arrangement must be made to enable the work of the Organization to be carried on.

The appointment of a Secretary General is a matter so important that it would require mature reflection even if circumstances were normal. In the prevailing political atmosphere an early appointment seems out of the question.

But today's circumstances will not allow this Organization to be left any longer without direction.

The Congo situation alone demands that an interim arrangement be made at once. Member Governments, such as Canada, with important commitments in that country have a right and a duty to insist that the United Nations operation be conducted under proper authority.

No delegation has expressed disagreement about the urgency of making an interim arrangement. Intensive consultations have already taken place about various possibilities. It is recognized by all that right here in this hall there are eminent delegates who have the necessary