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Item 33: The Korean Question

Text of Statement to be made in the First Committee by the Canadian Representative, Mr. Gordon E. Cox, on Friday, November 3, 1967

By co-sponsoring the draft resolution contained in Document A/C.1/L.405, the Canadian Delegation is expressing its concern about the continued division of Korea and lack of progress towards a just solution of problems which stand in the way of a peaceful settlement in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Charter. Especially in the light of increased violations of the ceasefire in and around the Demilitarized Zone, we feel that greater efforts than ever must be made towards the creation of conditions that can lead to the reunification of Korea on the basis of genuinely free elections.

The continued high rate of economic growth of the Republic of

Korea is very encouraging. A stable economy and an improving standard of living

will provide a better climate for achieving the objectives that the United Nations

General Assembly has set for the United Nations Commission for the Unification

and Rehabilitation of Korea. This increasing viability is reflected in the

efforts of the Republic of Korea's Government to expand its role in the international

community. As the President of the Republic of Korea himself said in his state of

the nation message delivered to the National Assembly on January 17, 1967:

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