

On the other hand, the resolution in Document A/L.332, which stands in the names of the United Kingdom and the United States of America, seems to us to afford guidance to the Secretary-General and at the same time to reaffirm certain basic principles which can be directly related to the development of the United Nations role in the Congo.

This resolution puts emphasis in its preamble, and again in operative paragraph 5, on the obligations assumed by the United Nations for assisting the Congolese in the maintenance of law and order, including the safeguarding of civil liberties, in the Congo. It thus touches upon a fundamental condition for any emergence of a free and democratic political and social system there. Moreover, paragraph 5 of the resolution emphasises - and this seems to us very important - that "no measures contrary to recognized rules of law and order will be taken by anyone against any persons held prisoner or under arrest anywhere in the Republic of the Congo."

The draft resolution also asks the Secretary-General to do everything possible to "assist the Chief of State in establishing conditions in which Parliament can meet and function in security and freedom from outside interference". We welcome this recognition of the importance of parliament. We recognize the difficulties in the way of the free and secure functioning of parliament in the prevailing conditions in the Congo, but we feel strongly that this objective must be pursued.

We are glad to note that in paragraph 7 of the resolution there is a recognition of the constructive role which we consider that the representatives of the Advisory Committee who are proceeding to the Congo for the purpose of reconciliation could play. We hope and expect that the Congolese authorities will lend their full co-operation to this mission of conciliation, and indeed that they and all other groups in the Congo will afford the United Nations the maximum positive co-operation within their power.

When the Canadian Government was invited to contribute Canadian personnel to the present United Nations operation in the Congo, Canada responded in the spirit of co-operation with the United Nations which has since the beginning been a central part of Canadian policy. We know that others did the