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Text of Statement made by the Canadian Representative,  
in the Fifth Committee, Miss Margaret B. Meagher, on  
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The Canadian delegation intends to vote in favour of the draft resolution contained in Document A/C.5/L.884 introduced this morning by the distinguished Representative of Kuwait and trusts that the resolution will receive the unanimous approval of the members of this Committee.

As emphasized this morning by Miss Henderson, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the International School, and as stated in paragraph 8 of the Secretary-General's Report A/6057, the necessity of providing scholarships and bursaries means that the School will continue to run at a deficit so long as it does not have a development fund large enough to produce additional revenue. My delegation, which hoped that 1965-1966 would be the last financial year in which an operating deficit would have to be covered from the regular budget, regrets that the development fund has decreased rather than increased over the past year. It is unrealistic, however, to expect private individuals or non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the development fund unless, as a concrete manifestation of faith in the School, a greater number than 44 member states is also willing to make substantial voluntary contributions.

My delegation hopes that the appeal for contributions contained in the second operative paragraph of the resolution before us will elicit sufficient contributions so that it will not be necessary for the Secretary-General, as mentioned in paragraph 6 of his Report A/6507, to recommend new measures to finance the School at the twenty-second Session of the General Assembly.