

support for the United Nations operations in the Congo, said that the United Nations force "represents a major step forward to that day when, wherever difficulties may arise anywhere in the world, . . . the nations comprising the United Nations will all make available to an international force whatever is requisite to assure peace." At the current session, the Canadian representative in the Fifth Committee has argued strongly that the question of providing adequate financial support for the United Nations operations must be considered in this same broad political context, and not merely as a financial and budgetary matter.

Since the United Nations was founded, the responsibilities which the Charter originally imposed on the Great Powers have to a considerable measure been transferred in practice to the middle and smaller members of the organization. In a special sense, the United Nations has come to be an organization to which the smaller and weaker countries particularly can look for effective collective action to preserve their independence. Indeed, the forces for such collective action are often provided by nations which would themselves find considerable difficulty in preserving a genuine measure of independence if an effective United Nations did not exist. This development is of the greatest present and potential significance for the entire international community. To its success, my government believes, the world has owed the preservation of peace several times in the past decade.

Seen in this light, the United Nations operations in the Congo assume far-reaching significance. Mindful of this background, it would clearly be unwise for the Assembly to judge events in the Congo from the point of view of day-to-day developments or considerations of narrow national interest; or to evaluate these operations merely in terms of their relative success or failure in meeting day-to-day crises or in promoting what one or another country might conceive to be the solution which is in the best interests of the Congolese people.

Awareness of this background has, in fact, determined the attitude which my Government has followed consistently during the crisis. It has governed Canadian participation in the Advisory Committee on the Congo; it has