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Explanation of vote: delivered in Sixth Committee

Thursday morning, October 26, 1967, by *Mr A.W.J. Robertson, The Canadian Representative*

Mr. Chairman,

Before I speak to our vote in respect of the draft resolution before us I would like to take this opportunity to state that Canada welcomed the question put by the distinguished representative of Sweden yesterday on the possibilities of additional staff at the forthcoming Conference on Treaties and that we are grateful for the Under-Secretary's helpful reply. We will welcome whatever practical measures it may be possible to take in order to ensure that additional supporting personnel may be available in Vienna, so as to enable the conference to deal with its work as efficiently as possible.

Mr. Chairman, my delegation is prepared to vote in favour of draft resolution L. 623 rev. 1 of October 25 as further modified this morning by its co-sponsors and as it may be additionally modified if the Under-Secretary's suggestion is adopted.

While we have noted what was said earlier today by the distinguished delegate of Dahomey, we are still not altogether happy, however, with the present wording of operative paragraph two. In our view, the present text clearly does set a deadline, that of February 15, 1968, for the submission of comments or amendments to the draft articles, at least insofar as concerns those to be submitted in advance of the Conference.