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STATEMENT BY BRIGADIER JOHN H. PRICE CANADIAN DELEGATE - FIFTH COMMITTEE OCTOBER 4, 1962

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Delegates:

It is indeed a privilege to be able to participate in the work of the Fifth Committee at its Seventeenth Session. As I look around I recognize a number of familiar faces and I recall with pleasure the harmonious personal relationships I had during the Sixteenth Session even with those delegates with whom, unhappily, I had to disagree on some questions. However, I deeply regret that the face of someone long familiar to us is missing from our councils. The untimely and sudden death of Mr. Antonio Arraiz who contributed so much to the work of this Committee and to the Committee on Contributions has, I am sure, saddened us all. On behalf of my Government I would like to take this opportunity to offer my deepest sympathy to the Delegate of Venezuela and his Government.

My Chairman, may I add my congratulations to those of other delegates on your election as Chairman of our Committee. My Delegation was particularly pleased that you will be presiding over our deliberations in the vitally important questions of financial and budgetary matters. I am certain that under your able chairmanship the Fifth Committee will continue to be known as the Committee where delegates from all Member States are able to work harmoniously with one another in the solution of technical problems relating to the financial aspects of the Organization. I would also like to congratulate the Committee on its selection of Mr. Harry Morris as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Nathan Quao as Rapporteur.