Similarly ... we were able to support the resolution
mitted by twelve delegations representing nations in Africa and
a. We were not unmindful of the cogency of the arguments that
e twelve-power proposal in some substantial respects duplicated
provisions of the El Salvador resolution already adopted. On
other hand ... we recognized that the principal purpose of
rging the Council's was to provide for more adequate representation
the new member countries. My Delegation was, therefore, inclined
support the measures sponsored by the twelve members from Asia and
rica - since this resolution in no way conflicted with the El
vador proposal, and could have been regarded as a testimonial to
sincerity with which its authors are pursuing the objective of
ributing more fully to the operations and activities of the
ted Nations. Considering that there was a substantial divergency
opinion in the Committee on the merits of the texts of each of the
olutions presented, we thought there was some virtue in accepting
n, which, considered together, faithfully reflected the general
measures in the Committee - and I believe in the Assembly - that the
bership of the two Councils should be enlarged and that the Assembly
uld go on endeavouring to find ways and means of enlarging them.

...We have before us an amendment to the draft resolution
t brings together in closer proximity the divergent views of the
ponents of the proposals referred to. We congratulate the
pective sponsoring delegates in that they were able to reconcile
ir differences in presenting what would appear to be an acceptable
promise. As we have already registered our one reservation with
spect to the advisability of establishing a committee to achieve
h an important objective, it is unnecessary for us to make any
er comment on the amendment itself. The Canadian Delegation is
pared to support any reasonable resolution that will produce a
all increase in the two Councils, but we would oppose a large
pansion of the Councils, as we feel this would be such an important
ep that its consideration must await the expected general review and
vision of the United Nations Charter.

I ask your indulgence ... to add a word in regard to the
ad of the three items grouped together on our present agenda - the
stion of increasing the number of judges in the International Court
Justice. Although it appears in neither of the resolutions before
, there was some advocacy, at the Committee stage, for this proposal.
can only say ... that, if such a proposal had been formally presented
Delegation would have opposed it. We should have done so for the
me reasons put forward by many delegates speaking on this proposal
the Special Political Committee. It is necessary for me now merely
mention them. The first is that the membership of the International
rt of Justice under its Charter is based upon wholly different
inciples from those which determine the membership of the Councils.
ese two principles - the adequate representation of the different
ms of civilization and the principal legal systems of the world,
d (secondly) the high personal qualifications of the individual
dges - are quite capable of being carried out under existing arrange-
nts. Our second reason for opposing the expansion of the Court is
at in our view it is large enough now for its efficient operation.
increase it would, in the opinion of my Delegation, hinder rather
an assist it in its performance.

As to the amended resolution now before us, I repeat ... that
Delegation will take pleasure in supporting it.

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