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Committee, on Tuesday, October 10, 1961

Report of the Trusteeship Council

Madame Chairman:

At the outset may I be permitted to extend to you the sincere congratulations and good wishes of the Canadian Delegation on your election as Chairman of the Fourth Committee. We are confident that you will preside over our deliberations with grace, tact and impartiality, those same qualities which you have so often displayed in the past. It is a matter of particular satisfaction and pleasure that you are not only the first woman to preside over this Committee but also the first African to do so. I wish to assure you, Madame Chairman, of the full cooperation of the Canadian Delegation in tackling the work that lies before us.

May I also associate my Delegation with the good wishes that have been extended to our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Lulo, and to our Rapporteur, Mr. Houaiss. I am especially happy that my friend, Mr. Houaiss, who has made such an outstanding contribution to the work of this Committee, has been honoured by election to the post of Rapporteur. We wish him well and we extend to all members of the Bureau our best wishes for a stimulating, productive and untroubled session.

On this occasion we would wish, through you, to extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of Heinrich Wieschhoff who died in Africa on a mission of peace in the company of his friend, Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.