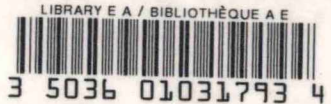


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Mr. Chairman,

At the very moment when this committee has at last arrived at what can only be described as a very significant achievement in adopting the implementation article of the Convention before us, the Convention seems to us to be jeopardized by a last minute additional article, that is to say article XIII (bis).

Mr. Chairman, it is almost trite, but no less important, to remind ourselves of the fact that what we have achieved thus far has been the result of the spirit of cooperation and compromise which has thus far prevailed in this committee. Indeed, sir, as you yourself pointed out yesterday, despite the very frank exchange of viewpoints, often seemingly irreconcilable, we have managed to adopt the article of this Convention without a negative vote being cast. Yet, from these exchanges that have taken place both late yesterday and here this afternoon it seems clear that if the Article XIII (bis) as presented by the UAR, Tanzania and Sudan in document 1307 is pressed to the vote the record that we have established, will be broken by a significant number of countries voting against the article.

It is my duty, sir, to inform the committee that Canada will be amongst those countries that will be forced categorically to declare itself opposed to the inclusion of Article XIII (bis) as contained in document 1307 in the Convention. Although this stand will be open to misinterpretation because of the obvious principle which appears to be affirmed by this Article, we do not feel that we have to excuse our position in the light of what so many delegations have said before us. Suffice it to say, Mr. Chairman, that when the distinguished representative of Ghana, the representative of a country which no one here could possibly doubt stands in the forefront of