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CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SECOND COMMITTEE,
ON THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME,
NOVEMBER 29, 1962.

Mr. Chairman,

It is both a pleasure and an honour to introduce -- on behalf of the Delegations of Australia, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, the Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chile, France, Ghana, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Liberia, Mauritania, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan and the United States of America -- the resolution contained in Document A/C.2/L.659. In presenting this resolution, the co-sponsors are not asking the Assembly to take substantive action. Rather we are asking the Assembly to recognize the success of this Committee's efforts over the past two years to provide the United Nations with another weapon in its war on want.

The World Food Programme will become fully operational on January 1, 1963, little more than one month from today. Yet, Mr. Chairman, it was only at the fifteenth session of the Assembly that we began the debates which brought this programme into being. Here, surely, is clear evidence of what the Secretary-General has called the continued vitality of the United Nations system and its capacity to deal with changing situations.

The very basis of the World Food Programme is the provision of assistance by means of foodstuffs in three major fields:

- (a) Meeting emergency food needs and emergencies arising from chronic malnutrition;
- (b) Assistance in pre-school and school feeding; and,
- (c) Implementing pilot projects using food as an aid to economic and social development, particularly when