

Our reservations about other paragraphs are not as fundamental, but are still important. Operative paragraphs 4 and 6 deal with questions affecting international peace and security. My delegation shares the opinion of most members that any attempt by the Government of South Africa to annex the territory of Southwest Africa would be a violation of its international obligations, especially those it has assumed as a mandatory power, but in our judgement it is not wise practice for the General Assembly to make in advance of the circumstances a legal determination of aggression which under Article 39 of the Charter is within the primary responsibility of the Security Council. Similar considerations apply in respect to the purported determination of a threat to international peace referred to in operative paragraph 6.

We also have reservations about paragraph 8(B), since it seeks to engage the Secretary-General and United Nations agencies in a study which would not be practicable and in judgements which would not be appropriate.

It is in the light of these considerations that we support the amendments to paragraphs 4, 6, 7, and 8 contained in Document A/C.4/L779, which if adopted will enable the Canadian Delegation to support the resolution as a whole. Failing adoption of these amendments we shall be obliged to abstain on the resolution now before us.

Mr. Chairman, I emphasize once again Canada's great concern about developments in Southwest Africa. Once again we urge the Government of South Africa to recognize its international responsibilities for the territory and to cooperate with the United Nations in its attempts to achieve a just solution safeguarding the rights and aspirations of the people of Southwest Africa.