

ment of differences concerning the interpretation and execution of these Articles. Having in mind these provisions of the Peace Treaties, my Government and other countries have charged the Governments of Bulgaria, Hungary and Roumania with violations of human rights clauses of the respective Treaties.

Replies received so far reveal, however, a fundamental disagreement between the Allied and Associated Powers concerned and these three Eastern European Governments as to the interpretation of the Peace Treaties. This disagreement bears on the following points: the existence of a dispute under the Peace Treaties; the question as to whether Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria are obligated to appoint members of the Commission provided for in the Treaties, and finally, in the event that they fail to do so, whether a two-man Commission would be competent to deal with this dispute.

At this stage, I am confining myself to the procedural problem or proposition provided for in the joint resolution. I submit, Mr. Chairman, that this problem involving basic human rights should therefore be decided by the highest international judicial body, namely the International Court of Justice. It is for this reason that the Canadian Delegation supports the resolution now before the Committee in the full understanding that the advisory opinion sought to be given by that body will be definitive, authoritative and effective.

Appendix 10

General Assembly Resolution, October 22, 1949: Human Rights in Eastern Europe

(Vote: 47 in favour (including Canada), 5 against, 7 abstentions)

Whereas the United Nations, pursuant to Article 55 of the Charter, shall promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Whereas the General Assembly, at the second part of its third regular session, considered the question of the observance in Bulgaria and Hungary of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Whereas the General Assembly, on 30 April 1949, adopted resolution 272 (III) concerning this question in which it expressed its deep concern at the grave accusations made against the Governments of Bulgaria and Hungary regarding the suppression of human rights and fundamental freedoms in those countries; noted with satisfaction that steps had been taken by several States signatories to the Treaties of Peace with Bulgaria and Hungary regarding these accusations; expressed the hope that measures would be diligently applied, in accordance with the Treaties, in order to ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and most urgently drew the attention of the Governments of Bulgaria and Hungary to their obligations under the Peace Treaties, including the obligation to co-operate in the settlement of the question,