



Statement Delivered by the Canadian Representative in the Fifth Committee, Mr. Lloyd Francis, on the subject of the United Nations International School, New York, (Item 84), December 14, 1967.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation supports the draft resolution contained in document A/C.5/L.934 which was introduced this morning by the representative of New Zealand. We hope this resolution will receive the unanimous approval of member States.

However, Mr. Chairman, I must add that my delegation is disturbed by the fact that, as indicated by the Board of Trustees of the School in paragraph 25 of A/6962, voluntary contributions paid or pledged by member States to the School's Development Fund to date total only \$338,052, as against \$316,233 last year. The Board further indicates that the total of contributions pledged or paid from both governmental and non-governmental sources which may be considered exclusively for the Development Fund amounts to only \$865,000 against a minimum target for the fund of \$3 million.

As a consequence of this inadequacy in the development fund, which is designed to provide income for scholarships and bursaries and generally to improve the quality of education at the school, the school again faces for the current year an operating deficit of some \$49,000. My delegation had hoped that 1966-67 would be the last financial year in which an operating deficit would have to be covered from the regular budget of the United Nations. Thus, while we support once again making a grant to the School, we cannot but be discouraged by the fact that this has proven necessary because appeals for contributions to the Development Fund have fallen far short of expectations.

In this regard we wish to associate ourselves with the statement of the Board in paragraph 27 of A/6962 that the major part of the development