In plenary session of the General Assembly, Canada abstained from voting on a proposal by Bolivia, adopted by a vote of 48 in favour and none against with 7 abstentions whereby the Assembly requested governments to extend the teaching of international law in universities and other institutions "that are under government control . . . or to initiate such teachings where it is not yet provided". It was the view of the Canadian delegation that it would be improper for it to support this resolution if by so doing it might imply that universities in Canada were under federal control. The resolution concerned a field lying directly within provincial jurisdiction in Canada.

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