

should not, in our opinion, be interpreted necessarily to mean that the Committee to be established is given a mandate to attempt to draw up a definition, our view is that the original language in the informal draft was preferable. We did not consider that we could support the present text and therefore the resolution as a whole.

I wish to add only that the legal difficulties militating against a successful definition are surely in themselves sufficient to complicate this work, without the further problems raised by those politically motivated controversies which have almost always been associated with such efforts in the past. We therefore hope that the special committee's work on this question will be free from unnecessary polemics and that a serious effort will be made by all concerned to approach the subject as lawyers desirous of contributing to the peacekeeping potential of the U.N.