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A Canadian statement on Hungary made
by Dr. R.A. MacKay, Canada's Permanent
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in the General Assembly at New York on
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The Canadian Delegation is one of the co-sponsors
of the draft resolution now before this resumed session of
the 11th General Assembly. I wish to set out briefly why
we are supporting this resolution, and what we hope can be
achieved.

The United Nations has already considered repeatedly
and at length the events which took place in Hungary last
year. Time and again the United Nations has called upon
the Government of the U.S.S.R. to cease its intervention in
the internal affairs of Hungary and to permit the Hungarian
people to select their own government in their own way, and
to determine their own institutions. At an early stage
action taken by the United Nations was in response to an
urgent appeal from the legitimate government of Hungary.
As we all know that government was stifled by armed inter-
vention of the Soviet Union and a regime answerable only to
the U.S.S.R. was installed. The General Assembly also
took action at its second emergency session and its 11th
regular session to organize relief for the victims of the
violent events in Hungary and to provide homes for Hungarian
refugees; More than 35,000 have found a new home in Canada.

To our great regret, the Soviet authorities, as
well as the new Hungarian government which they installed
by their intervention in Hungary, have flouted the opinion
of the world community expressed in various resolutions
adopted by large majorities in the General Assembly of the
United Nations. The U.S.S.R., and its puppet Hungarian
government, have chosen instead to shield themselves behind
the myth that the violence in Hungary resulted from some
kind of intervention from the Western side. This explanation
made last autumn, and repeated again ad nauseam in this
present session, is, I submit, an insult to the intelligence
of this Assembly.