

Another resolution, dealing with consent, minimum age, and registration of marriages, was approved by an Assembly vote of 97 in favour (Canada), none against, with two abstentions. As a result, each member state has been asked to give effect to the principles that no marriage should be entered into without the full and free consent of both parties, that a minimum age for marriage of not less than 15 years should be specified by each country, and that all marriages should be appropriately registered.

#### **Fourth Committee**

Events in Rhodesia continued to occupy the attention of the Fourth Committee. In early November, when a unilateral declaration of independence seemed imminent, the Committee adopted a resolution warning against UDI, which called upon Britain to employ all necessary measures, including military force, to implement a series of drastic steps, among others the immediate suspension of the 1961 Rhodesian constitution. This resolution came just as Prime Minister Wilson was engaged in last-ditch negotiations aimed at averting a unilateral declaration of independence by Rhodesia. In the Canadian view, it was impractical and untimely and had the unfortunate effect of destroying the near-unanimity achieved on the Assembly's previous resolution of October 12. In plenary, the resolution was approved by a vote of 82 in favour and nine against (including Canada), with 18 abstentions.

Following the illegal seizure of independence by Premier Smith's government, the Assembly adopted a further resolution on November 11. The resolution condemned the unilateral declaration of independence by the Government of Southern Rhodesia and asked the Security Council to consider the situation as a matter of urgency. Canada voted in favour of this resolution, which was approved by 107 to two, with one abstention.

During the period covered by this report, the Assembly also approved by 90 votes to 11 (Canada), with 10 abstentions, a resolution on Aden, couched in extreme terms, which charged Britain with military action against the people of the territory and called for the immediate removal of the British military bases in Aden. A further resolution, recommending the establishment of a voluntary fund for the economic development of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, was adopted by the Fourth Committee on November 9.

#### **Fifth Committee**

During this period, the General Assembly considered a number of reports from its Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) on appointments to subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly. These included the appointment of Mr. Louis-Denis Hudon of Canada to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning in 1966.

The Fifth Committee also approved the 1964 supplementary estimates and gave first reading to the 1965 and 1966 budget estimates. It then took up an item