

by all states, but nevertheless such definitions by this Committee will represent a worth-while effort to clarify and simplify the complicated concepts behind them and will undoubtedly produce useful markers by which the future performance of states may be readily measured.

3. In undertaking to assist in this task, Canada has repeatedly stated its view on the need for the greater effectiveness of international law as strengthened and developed by the elaboration of these principles now before us. It will be recalled that at the 17th Session, the Canadian Delegation played, if I may say so, a major role in the drafting of the resolution which eventually was passed in this Committee with no negative votes and became Resolution 1815 (XVII). It was this resolution which furnishes the basis of our work, based on the UN Charter, of the seven principles concerning friendly relations and cooperation among states. To add our efforts to those of like-minded member countries, Canada readily accepted at the 18th Session to serve on the Special Committee as appointed by the General Assembly in its Resolutions 1966 and 1967 (XVIII). At Mexico, Canada, together with fellow Committee members, enjoyed that hospitality for which Mexico City and its inhabitants are justly famous. It would be remiss of me, Mr. Chairman, were I not to add my Delegation's sincere appreciation and thanks for this hospitality and for the efficient manner in which the Mexican Government supported and strengthened the work of the Special Committee through the provision of excellent facilities and a more than cordial and conducive atmosphere. That the deliberations of the Special Committee did not achieve a greater degree of consensus bears no reference to the splendid setting of our Mexican meeting place or to the hard work and continuing efforts of our Chairman, Mr. Garcia-Robles, our rapporteur, Dr. Blix, and the Legal Counsel, Mr. Stavropoulos, and his Secretariat staff.

4. No, Mr. Chairman, the work of the Special Committee as contained in the report (A/5746) now before us cannot be said to embody all we had hoped for in constituting this Committee. Perhaps we expected too much. Certainly the definition and resolution of these principles has proved to be a far more complex and difficult task than was originally envisaged. It is after all no easy matter to reconcile the respective positions of even those relatively few member states represented at Mexico. Some of us arrived with obviously different opinions on what should be contained in these principles, but, Mr. Chairman, most of us left Mexico with a greater appreciation of the significance of what we were attempting and with at least a