

as to the political wisdom of the resolution before us and who consider it as an attempt to undermine the Charter. Each Member State will have the opportunity of expressing its views. These paragraphs are in fact in accord with the general purpose of the draft resolution, namely that of preparing all Member States for the discussions, which under the provisions of the Charter, we must initiate in 1955.

My delegation has noted with regret the attitude taken on this subject by the distinguished delegates of the Ukraine, Poland, Byelorussia and Czechoslovakia. If my memory serves me correctly, the distinguished delegate of Byelorussia referred to the supporters of this draft resolution as "tools of one set of great powers to be used against other powers". Mr. Chairman, these are unkind words. Canada does not see herself in such a role. We are not party to a mischievous plot to subvert the principles of the Charter. We have merely taken note of the obligation which is imposed on all Member States to discuss revision, under the terms of a Charter to which the countries of these distinguished delegates are also party.

Now I should make it clear that my delegation does not entertain extravagant hopes as to the contribution which preparatory work on the Charter revision will make towards resolving present international problems or tensions. Our proposal is of a procedural nature, we have no views to put forward at the present time upon substantive amendments to the Charter, nor can we even yet know whether the climate of opinion in 1955 will be such that we would wish to undertake a conference on Charter revision at that time.

Whilst adopting this cautious, but, we feel, realistic attitude, we would like to think that there is in fact a real prospect of that slackening of tensions which has been an encouraging feature of recent months. We hope further that this may lead to the emergence of a world atmosphere which would be propitious for bringing about that desirable goal of making this organization ever more effective as an instrument of international comity to which we are all pledged.

In that spirit we will vote for the resolution before Committee and trust that it will have the support of all delegations.

Note: The following is the text of the resolution adopted on November 5, 1953 by the Sixth Committee on questions relating to revision of the U.N. Charter. It is an amended version of a resolution which Canada co-sponsored along with Argentina, Cuba, Netherlands, New Zealand and Pakistan. The final text was approved by a vote of 48 in favour (including Canada); 5 against (Soviet bloc) and no abstentions. (Two additional paragraphs were originally passed by 24-23, but were deleted by the chairman's ruling after the delegation of Ethiopia announced that it had abstained when it should have voted against. There is a possibility that these two paragraphs will be restored when the resolution comes up for consideration in plenary session.)

"The General Assembly,

Having regard to the provisions of Article 109 of