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Following are the texts of statements delivered on November 10 and November 11, 1953 by Mr. Paul Beaulieu of the Canadian Delegation in the Third Committee of the eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly on Chapters IV and V of the Report of the Economic and Social Council dealing with the work of the Social Commission. (Delivered in French)

NOTE - On November 28, 1953 the General Assembly passed resolution 155 dealing with the work of the Social Commission.

Statement made on November 10, 1953

I regret that the draft resolution submitted by the Canadian Delegation has given rise to some statements which have made it necessary to take several minutes of the precious time of this Committee, and I apologize. Our intention was merely to offer a constructive solution. My sincere thanks go to the representatives of Iraq and Egypt for their understanding attitude and courtesy, and I hope that the resolution proposed by my delegation will lead to a constructive solution for the problem debated.

As you know, Canada has been a member of the Social Commission for seven years and our participation in its work is an eloquent indication of the importance attached by my country to this functional commission and the various tasks which have been entrusted to it. For this reason, any suggestions which would improve the efficiency of the Social Commission and make its efforts in the social field more fruitful will receive careful study by us.

Allow me to say at the beginning of my few remarks that we sympathize with the purposes which the representative of Iraq wishes to attain by her resolution A/C.3/L.376. The other members of the Commission share her desire to see carried out efficiently programmes of concerted practical action in the social field. The representative of Iraq suggested that the best way of achieving this result would be by convening the Social Commission every year and increasing the number of its members. Different suggestions were put forward by other delegations, all with the same end in view. The representative of the Netherlands submitted an amendment asking the Economic and Social Council to study the question in order to find out whether it is necessary to hold meetings of the Commission more frequently and, if it feels this to be so, to reconsider its previous resolution so as to provide for annual meetings. The delegate of Peru also made a suggestion which, in our opinion, is excellent; the object of his amendment is the creation of a limited number of committees of experts who would be entrusted with the examination of technical matters that fall within the competence of the Commission. During the general debate, we also heard other proposals. The representative of China suggested that the solution does not reside necessarily in an increase in the