

In these general remarks, Mr. President, I have tried to indicate the points which the Canadian Government considers to be most important in connection with the establishment of the Agency. Our position on these and on the exact provisions of the draft statute will be elaborated when we come to consider the text in detail in committee. We hope that all delegations will consider seriously the general features which I have outlined as essential for inclusion in the statute. We in the Canadian Delegation will examine carefully the views expressed by those delegations which have already spoken and by others still to speak. We will enter the later discussions on the precise provisions of the draft text before us with the most earnest intention of reaching agreement in a spirit of good-will and compromise. All Delegations are already agreed upon the principles we are seeking to carry out, as shown by the unanimous adoption in the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1955 of the resolution relating to the Agency. The Canadian Delegation is therefore confident that this Conference will be successful, and that the opening for signature of an agreed statute will bring closer to fruition the high purposes we all share.

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