As it is unlikely that negotiation of the convention could be completed prior to 1969 - this may be an optimistic assessment - we do not believe that Resolution L.618 will lead to unnecessary delays. Further we see no reason why, if the Committee approves this Resolution, there need be another general debate on special missions next year in this Committee. The Assembly would have only to make a decision on one point whether to convene a conference or to consign the negotiations to the Assembly and particularly this Committee or a sub-committee of it.

My Delegation hopes that the members will find this draft a useful way of contributing to resolving the different views held by a number of countries represented here.