

its attitude to the articles and its support for any parts thereof were predicated on the assumption that this omission would be made good before the covenants were opened for signature.

The articles adopted by the Third Committee at the eleventh session dealt with the right to work, the right to the enjoyment of just and favourable conditions of work, the right to form and join trade unions, the right to social security, the protection which should be accorded to the family, to mothers and to children, the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living, including adequate food, clothing and housing and, finally, the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

The Canadian Delegation, in spite of the constitutional difficulties which the articles posed, and in spite of the divergent political philosophies which found expression in the various amendments to the articles which were adopted, was able to play an active role in the discussions, and assisted in securing the adoption of amendments which removed some of the objectionable features of the articles. Nevertheless, although the Canadian Delegation had no difficulty in subscribing to the objectives expressed in the articles, the exact form and wording were such that the Delegation was forced to abstain on all of the articles adopted except the one dealing with health. In that article the steps to be taken by states to achieve the realization of the right, were enumerated in such a way that, having reserved its position in respect of the eventual inclusion of a provision to take into account the legislative jurisdiction of the provincial governments in Canada, the Delegation was able to cast an affirmative vote.

Time did not permit the completion of the consideration of all of the substantive articles of the Draft Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the eleventh session. The Third Committee recommended, and the General Assembly agreed, that it should continue its consideration of the draft covenants at the twelfth session. The Third Committee subsequently made a further recommendation concerning the timetable to be followed in the consideration of the draft covenants. The Greek Delegation had succeeded in having inscribed on the agenda of the eleventh session an item called "Interim measures, pending entry into force of the Covenants on Human Rights, to be taken with respect to violations of the human rights set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights". That item was discussed by the Third Committee, where the Greek Delegation introduced a draft resolution which would have asked the Human Rights Commission to consider the possibility of instructing a sub-committee to undertake an objective examination of any complaints made by one member state against another member state concerning violations of human rights. That proposal received no support in the Third Committee, and no recommendation was made concerning interim measures; it was decided instead that the records of the discussion of the Greek proposal should be transmitted to the Human Rights Commission and that the Third Committee should devote enough time to its discussion of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights to be able to complete its consideration of the draft covenants, if possible, by the end of the thirteenth session in 1958, for adoption by the General Assembly at that session. The resolution containing this decision was adopted by a vote of