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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of my Delegation, I wish to congratulate the International Law Commission for their most worthwhile work in preparing the draft articles on consular relations and the commentaries on these articles. These draft articles are, in my Delegation's view, an excellent example of the type of useful codification of international law and practice which the International Law Commission is so well equipped to prepare. The Commission's previous reports on this subject have been extremely useful in our examination of the provisions of the draft articles. Generally speaking, my Delegation is in favour of the draft articles as a useful and satisfactory basis for the formulation of an international convention, although the Canadian Government has already submitted to the United Nations Secretariat specific suggestions for amendment of some of the draft articles and the Canadian Delegation to the Vienna Conference on Consular Relations will be submitting views on a number of the other draft articles. My Government is also studying with interest the helpful comments published so far by other Governments on the International Law Commission's draft articles.

In the Sixth Committee last year, the Canadian Delegation urged that the discussion of the draft articles at this session be restricted to the character of a general debate rather than to attempt a discussion of each article in detail. In the view of our Delegation, many of these draft articles are highly technical and in these circumstances, it would seem that the only practical approach would be to reserve any detailed discussions for the special conference in March, 1962. My Delegation will at this