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Debate on the 1966 Budget Estimates by Canadian  
Representative in the Fifth Committee, Mr.  
Stuart Hemsley, on Wednesday, October 27, 1965.

Mr. Chairman, the fact that the Fifth Committee is meeting this morning to continue its examination of the draft budget estimates for the financial year 1966, if it proves nothing else, demonstrates that the 20th Session of the United Nations General Assembly is carrying on its work normally in accordance with its rules of procedure. Now that the imminent possibility of the application of Article 19 has been removed and the General Assembly is proceeding in normal fashion, there is a natural tendency to conclude that the policy of budgetary restraint followed by the Secretary-General in recent years is no longer applicable. In the view of my Delegation, Mr. Chairman, such an attitude would be most unfortunate in the face of the substantial debt yet to be liquidated, the continuing peace-keeping operations that must be paid for and the considerable increases which are occurring in the programmes of the various components of the United Nations family.

My Delegation agrees with the Secretary-General that, in attempting to balance the precarious cash position of the Organization with the legitimate desires of most members for expanded social and economic programmes, one must draw a distinction between budgetary policy and the current financial crisis, which cannot be solved merely by reducing or containing the regular budget. Nevertheless it is impossible to escape the realities of a \$100 million deficit which demands, as pointed out by the Advisory Committee, that expenses be kept to a minimum consistent with efficiency. In the view of my Delegation, the