

May I conclude, Mr. Chairman, by suggesting that we remind ourselves that in adopting this resolution we have dealt only partly with the problem of maintaining the effectiveness of the United Nations peace-keeping machinery. The other element which is just as important is the liquidation of the very large accumulation of arrears. In this connection my Delegation listened with interest to the statements of the distinguished Representatives of Bolivia and Belgium and looks forward to receiving the report of the Secretary-General on Resolution 1877 in the hope that further progress will be made in the liquidation of arrears.

Mr. Chairman, the Canadian Delegation earnestly hopes that the same spirit of co-operation and understanding which characterized the deliberations at the Fourth Special Session will be evidenced during our consideration of the urgent question now before us. With this spirit I am certain that we could act with the same feeling of responsibility and concern for international peace which was so vividly demonstrated at the time ONUC was originally established and thus could respond favourably to the urgent plea of the Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo as expressed yesterday when he said to the General Assembly: "The retention of the blue helmets of the United Nations force is imperative".

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.