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UNRWA

(United Nations Relief and Works Agency
for Palestine Refugees in the Near East)

Text of Statement to be made in the Special
Political Committee by the Canadian Repre-
sentative Mr. Paul Beaulieu, on Monday,
November 1, 1965.

The Canadian Delegation has studied with all due care the reports of the UNRWA Commissioner General describing the Agency's activities over the past two years. We have also listened carefully to the statements and comments made by other delegations since debate on this important item began. First of all I would like to express the admiration of my government towards the real devotion which the Commissioner General and the Agency's staff have shown in the accomplishment of the difficult tasks which devolve upon them. I take pleasure in congratulating Mr. Michelmore on the very lucid review he has presented to us on the present situation of the agency.

One point which seems to elicit a unanimity of views within the committee is the humanitarian aspect of UNRWA's activities. It is not surprising that differences of opinion exist as to the most satisfactory method of alleviating the fate of the refugees. Nevertheless my Delegation believes that these differences should not obscure the duty which devolves on the international community,