

The draft Resolution A/SPC/L.126 introduced by the Delegation of the USA is worthy of careful consideration. In clear and practical terms the draft considers every important aspect of the problem now before us. Without going into the details of the draft, I should like to consider certain points which, my Delegation feels, define the immediate and major objectives of our discussion. Firstly, it seems appropriate to us to recall paragraph 11 of Resolution 194(III) and paragraph 2 of Resolution 513(VI), both approved by the General Assembly. These paragraphs include provisions for the return of the refugees, either through repatriation or resettlement and compensation. Canada voted for the two Resolutions. We still believe that any political solution of the refugee problem must be based on the principles contained therein. My Delegation calls on all parties directly involved to meet their responsibilities and to implement these Resolutions.

In addition, the draft Resolution calls attention on the financial problems of UNRWA. I think we are agreed that the best way to improve the financial situation of the Agency is through the contributions of a larger number of Governments. In this context, I wish to repeat the appeal made in my last intervention in the debate. We had called upon the Governments contributing to the Board to consider anew the amount of their contributions and upon the Governments who have not contributed to date to consider the possibility of making a contribution. We trust this appeal will be heard. If my understanding of the statements by some Delegations is correct, it would seem that a trend in this direction is noticeable. We are happy to congratulate those countries on their intention materially to assist the Agency. As you know, Mr. Chairman, my country has increased its 1965 contribution from \$1 million to \$1,200,000 Canadian dollars. We have maintained the same level of contribution in 1966. I am gratified to say that in view of our continued interest in the welfare of the Palestinian refugees Canada proposes, subject to Parliamentary approval, to contribute the same amount in 1967.

My Delegation was very interested to note those paragraphs of the Commissioner General's report dealing with the consultations undertaken under Resolution 2052(XX) with the host countries to revise the lists of recipients. Modest advances have been achieved through the co-operation of host countries, but some irregularities remain. However, my Delegation has noted with satisfaction the assurances given by Mr. Michelmore in paragraph 25 of his Report: "the Agency