

The last preambular paragraph underlines once again our wish to have all opinions taken into account in our study. Several important statements have been made during the Fifteenth Session, and important principles have been placed before our Committee. Notable among these is, of course, the proposal of the Latin American group which my Delegation recognizes as the sort of attempt which the Committee must make in arriving at a scale which will be valid under all circumstances. We would hope that the Latin American group would consent to have this draft resolution passed on to the Sixteenth Session intact, without putting it to the hazard of a vote which, under the present circumstances, may well result in its defeat, since many delegations here have indicated that, although they are sympathetic to many of the elements contained in it, they are not prepared at this session to subscribe now to such far-reaching decisions as are contained in the draft. My Delegation recalls that the Latin American delegations and also the Delegation of Spain introduced five years ago a resolution similar to the one which they have introduced at this session. These delegations have waited patiently for reactions to their suggestions. Their patience has been rewarded by an increasing understanding on the part of other delegations of their point of view. This is certainly true of the Canadian Delegation, and it is true also of others. We would hope that the Latin American group, with their customary courtesy, would be prepared to be patient for yet another few months so that we can reflect on their proposals and come to the Sixteenth Session fully prepared to meet their fundamental preoccupations, which the Canadian Delegation has already said it shares and appreciates.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, the Canadian Delegation introduces the resolution contained in Document L.664 in the hope that it will assist this Committee to bridge the gap