



Statement Delivered by the Canadian Representative in the Fifth Committee, Mr. Lloyd Francis, on the subject of the United Nations International School, New York, (Item 84), December 14, 1967.

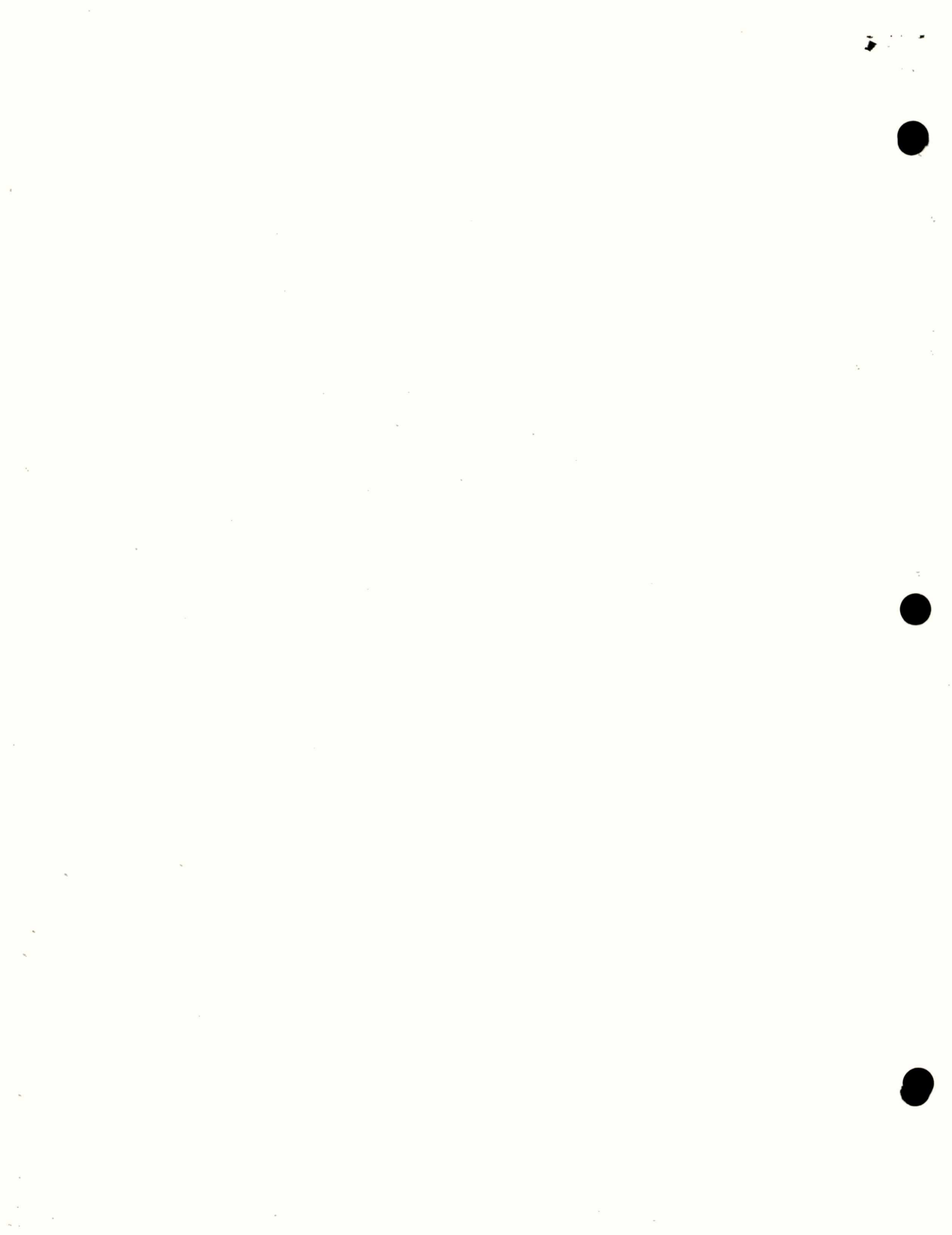
Mr. Chairman,

My delegation supports the draft resolution contained in document A/C.5/L.934 which was introduced this morning by the representative of New Zealand. We hope this resolution will receive the unanimous approval of member States.

However, Mr. Chairman, I must add that my delegation is disturbed by the fact that, as indicated by the Board of Trustees of the School in paragraph 25 of A/6962, voluntary contributions paid or pledged by member States to the School's Development Fund to date total only \$338,052, as against \$316,233 last year. The Board further indicates that the total of contributions pledged or paid from both governmental and non-governmental sources which may be considered exclusively for the Development Fund amounts to only \$865,000 against a minimum target for the fund of \$3 million.

As a consequence of this inadequacy in the development fund, which is designed to provide income for scholarships and bursaries and generally to improve the quality of education at the school, the school again faces for the current year an operating deficit of some \$49,000. My delegation had hoped that 1966-67 would be the last financial year in which an operating deficit would have to be covered from the regular budget of the United Nations. Thus, while we support once again making a grant to the School, we cannot but be discouraged by the fact that this has proven necessary because appeals for contributions to the Development Fund have fallen far short of expectations.

In this regard we wish to associate ourselves with the statement of the Board in paragraph 27 of A/6962 that the major part of the development



fund must come from governmental sources as a tangible expression of interest by the international community in the School. Indeed, as we indicated last year, we believe that it is unrealistic to expect private individuals or non-governmental organizations to contribute to the development fund unless a large percentage of member States demonstrate their faith in the school by making substantial voluntary contributions. We note from paragraph 25 of A/6962 that only 42 Governments have made or pledged cash contributions to the School thus far, compared to 40 last year, while 3 additional Governments have pledged equipment or building materials. It is our sincere hope that this number will increase substantially during the course of the next year so that the Secretary-General will not have to recommend other measures to finance the school at the 23rd session of the General Assembly.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, my delegation hopes and trusts that a satisfactory solution to the accommodation problems of the School will soon be found.

