

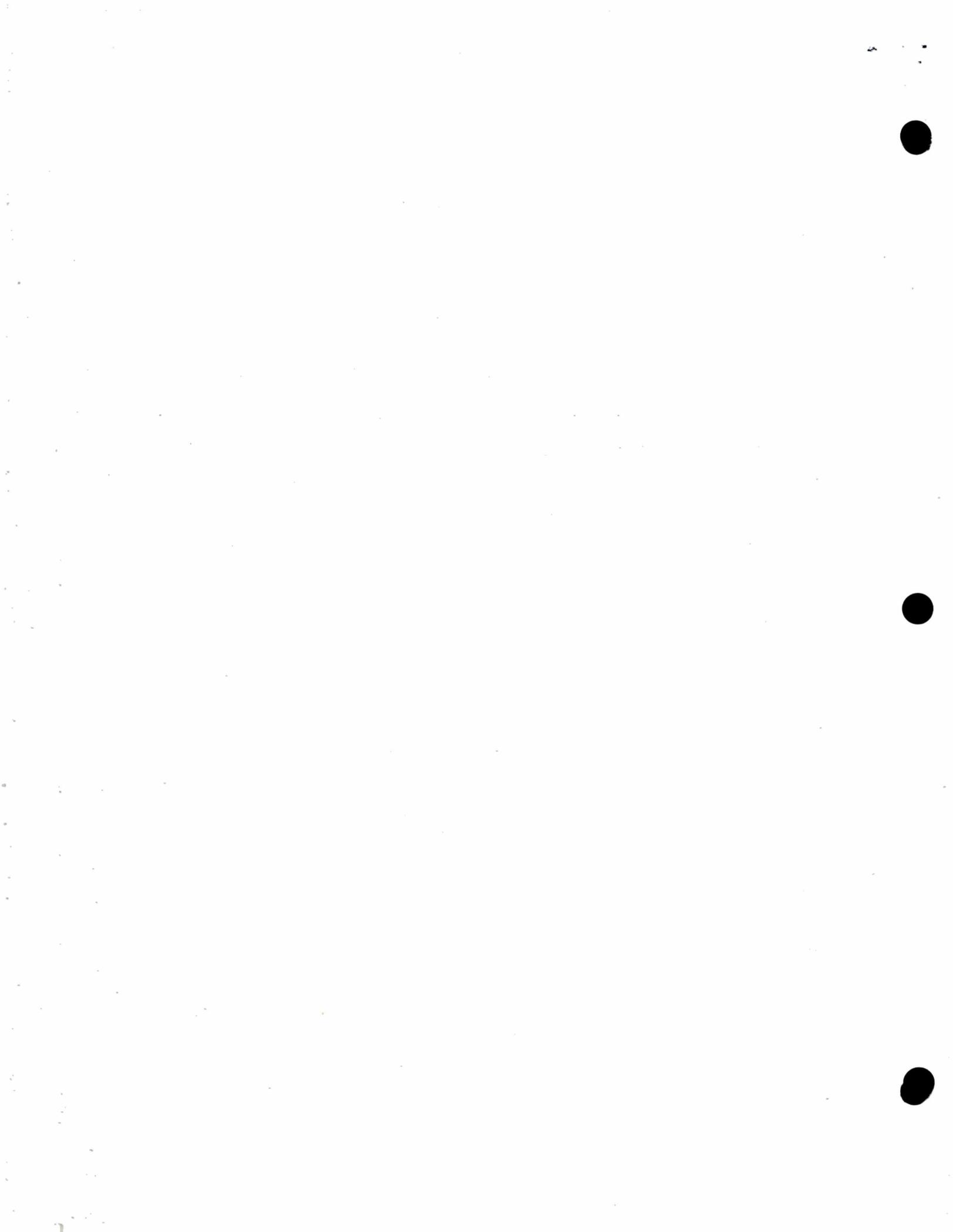
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STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE
IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, MR. LLOYD FRANCIS, ON THE
RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE TOP ECHELON IN THE UNITED NATIONS
SECRETARIAT (SUBMITTED UNDER ITEM 74)

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to thank the Secretary-General for his note on the re-organization of the top echelon in the United Nations Secretariat (A/C.5/1728). We are intervening in this debate now simply to indicate that Canada is prepared to accept the financial implication of these proposals, which the Secretary-General has referred to the Fifth Committee for the necessary budgetary action.

In addition, we are grateful that the Secretary-General has indicated to us his plan to consider the problem of the re-organization of the Secretariat at other levels. We trust that the small team of experts which he contemplates establishing will provide him with sound recommendations which when implemented will enable him to carry out the increasingly complex tasks conferred upon him by the membership more easily and with greater efficiency. We have noted that the Secretary-General, who, of course, has responsibility for classification and appointment of posts, has laid down the priorities and considerations which have guided him in undertaking his re-organization. We trust that any team of experts appointed to study re-organization at other levels of the Secretariat will follow the principles laid down by the Secretary-General, and that, in particular they will bear in mind the principle that the main



consideration in classifying or re-classifying posts should be the responsibility inherent in those posts.

In conclusion I would like to stress that the Canadian Delegation trusts that the importance of the tasks which are the responsibility of the various Under-Secretaries, especially certain of those Under-Secretaries such as in particular the Legal Counsel, who are not assigned to the upper level in the present proposed re-organization of the top echelon, will continue to be recognized by the membership. We would not want the relative significance and importance of the work which these positions entail to be considered to have been in any way diminished by the fact that their posts are not among those that have been reclassified at the upper level.

