

Text of Statement made in explanation of vote in the  
General Assembly by the Canadian Representative, Mr.  
Hugh Faulkner, M.P., on Nov. 3, 1967, on International  
Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer  
Space (Item 32).

DRAFT STATEMENT

Mr. Chairman,

As an active member of the Committee on the Peaceful  
Uses of Outer Space, Canada has taken a particular interest in the  
two draft resolutions which are before the General Assembly today.  
The importance which Canada attaches to these resolutions is reflected  
by the fact that we were co-sponsors of both of them.

At this time I should like to comment particularly on  
draft resolution II which I had the honour of introducing in the  
First Committee on behalf of a widely representative group of co-sponsors.  
This draft resolution has specifically its subject the United Nations  
Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to be held  
in Vienna from 14 - 27 August 1968.

In the last decade we have witnessed many "firsts" in the  
realm of Outer Space, and the beginning of the second space decade has  
again been marked by spectacular "firsts". Less spectacular, but of  
potentially far reaching importance, especially for non-space powers,  
in general and developing countries in particular, is the forthcoming  
Outer Space Conference which is also a "first" of its kind.

In the First Committee I had occasion to remark upon the  
direct relevance of, for example, communications and meteorological satellites,  
to the needs of developing countries, as well as on the ever increasing  
impact of so called "spin-off" from space technology. In many areas, such  
as agriculture, education and medicine, to name only three, there are  
possibilities of practical benefits for all mankind deriving from outer  
space exploration and research.

Mr. President I shall not attempt to go into detail on  
this occasion regarding the many ways in which the forthcoming Outer  
Space Conference may have wide and fruitful results. At this time I should  
only like to emphasize and it bears reiteration, that the objectives of the  
Conference are clear and designed to attract the widest possible interest  
on the part of all those countries invited to attend. Those objectives are:



"to examine the practical benefits of space programmes on the basis of scientific and technical achievements, and the opportunities available to non-space Powers for international cooperation in space activities, with special reference to the needs of the developing countries."

Mr. President, the exciting new world of outer space exploration research is not one which should be of exclusive<sup>(R)</sup> interest to a few countries. The implications of the space research and exploration which has already been carried out are still not fully clear. What does seem clear, however, is that there is a need to look at these new discoveries from the point of view of potential practical benefits for mankind.

It is the hope of my Delegation that the Outer Space Conference in Vienna will enable us to begin this process, in a true spirit of international cooperation, and that with this goal in view the General Assembly <sup>has just given</sup> ~~will give~~ its unanimous support to a draft resolution on the Outer Space Conference as well as, of course, to the other draft resolutions submitted to us by the First Committee.

