

the Executive Board of UNICEF in 1976 and endorsed by this Assembly last year is a useful supplement to the development efforts of the rest of the U.N. system and of the developing countries themselves. It is for this reason that the Canadian Delegation has participated actively in the elaboration of the resolution on the International Year for the Child (IYC) that has already been tabled. We hope that this Committee will see fit to adopt the resolution by consensus, thus signifying international support for the goals and objectives of the I.Y.C. and for Mrs. Lim and her associates.

We are also particularly conscious of the effective leadership UNICEF has been giving within this organization to the preparation for the Year of the Child. This special Year will have considerable value for the social development programmes of many nations, and for raising our collective consciousness concerning many of the problem areas of our respective societies.

#### World Food Programme (WFP)

Canada's contribution to the World Food Programme of an estimated \$150 million for the years 1977 and 1978 is only the most recent expression of our continuing support for the Programme's activities. The World Food programme's approach to the use of food for agricultural and rural development, and its role in the provision of emergency relief, are important to a significant number of countries. Concentration on the problems of the poorest developing countries finds a close parallel in the development assistance policies Canada is pursuing at the national level. We consider that the World Food Programme's past achievements and its plans for the coming period deserve our acknowledgement and support as a highly effective part of the United Nations system's operational activities.

Finally, the Canadian Delegation is participating actively in the exercise designed to restructure the economic and social sectors of our system, and notably with regard to those chapters and aspects which concern operational activities for development. We consider that proposals under discussion have indicated there is much we can do to enhance both the effectiveness and performance of these activities in our system in order to make them more attractive vehicles for development assistance from the point of view of both donor and recipient countries. Their increased effectiveness is not an end in itself. It is a means to make available and to attract additional resources. The end we seek is more effective action by all in favour of developing countries, an objective which must remain the overriding priority of the world community.

### 3. United Nations Environment Programme

Since the formation of the United Nations Environment Programme following the Stockholm Conference in 1972, Canada has been a firm supporter of UNEP as a means of stimulating world concern about the environment. The speech focusses on the interrelationship of environment and development as well as outlining Canadian initiatives taken at the fifth Governing Council to improve the quality of UNEP documentation. In addition, the Canadian