

technical details in respect to Canadian immigration procedures can be worked out. Of course, my Government is always prepared to consider action in the light of new events and changing situations. As always, in planning its refugee programmes, Canada has profited from the assistance and co-operation of the High Commissioner and his staff, and their suggestions and recommendations have always received most careful and sympathetic consideration.

It should be emphasized that in addition to Canada's special refugee programmes in which the normal immigrant selection standards are greatly relaxed, Canada's new immigration regulations permit refugees anywhere in the world to apply for admission to Canada as ordinary immigrants subject to the usual standards of selection.

But we realize, Mr. Chairman, that the efforts of the Canadian Government and of all other governments concerned are not sufficient to wipe out those refugee problems, and that action by the international community is needed. The Canadian Government is therefore prepared to play its role in this international action.

The agenda item which we are now studying is not a new one. Every year the General Assembly has been called upon to re-examine the plight of refugees all over the world. And every year the international community has felt that it was its duty to devise formulas as regards refugee problems and to provide for their execution. It seems to my Delegation that the end of the present mandate of the UNHCR gives us an opportunity to re-evaluate these formulas and to re-examine the usefulness of this Office.

An evaluation of the problems involved and of the means devised to deal with them would seem to indicate that the following criteria should characterize the operation of the Office.

It should be a dynamic organization capable of taking the necessary initiatives and of carrying them to their final