

Report that questions concerning the political, legal, economic, social and educational rights of women are being vigorously pursued by the Council and its Commission on the Status of Women. I do not propose to deal with the many substantive matters covered in the Report since the Canadian position on them was well presented by Mrs. Harry Quart of Quebec City, who has been representing the Canadian government on the Commission. However, I should like to reaffirm the Canadian support for the unanimous view of the Commission that there should be African representation on the Commission if at all possible. The new perspective which African representation has already brought to the United Nations has been a significant contribution to the work of our Organization, and would be equally valuable to the Commission's work of advancing the right of women in all parts of the world to participate fully in political, social and economic life.

As the Committee knows, Canada's term on the Commission on the Status of Women lapses this year. With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I should like to express the Canadian government's appreciation of the opportunity which it was given to serve for three years on the Commission and to participate directly with seventeen other members in its important deliberations. My government's membership on the Commission has served to broaden the knowledge in Canada of the progress that has been, and is being, made in promoting the rights of women. I am sure I speak not only for my government but for all the women of Canada when I say that Canadian interest in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women will remain very active. As a practical expression of this continuing interest, the Canadian government is supplying materials for the exhibit which is being arranged in connection with the regional seminar on the participation of women in public life to be held in Ethiopia in December.

It is also pleased to support the draft resolution on "United Nations Assistance for the Advancement of Women in Developing Countries" which, as the co-sponsors assured us, was aimed at drawing to the attention of all delegations, particularly the new members, the