

the job for which it is intended, that is, helping to create the circumstances for a search, at the political level, for a solution to the Middle East problem.

The United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) has also played its part in helping to create an atmosphere in which further negotiations can take place.

The question of Cyprus is once again before us at the Thirtieth Session. The problems are complex and will engage the attention of all delegations. But here again the effectiveness of the peacekeeping force which has been carrying on its task on the ground in conditions of great difficulty will depend essentially on the co-operation and will of the parties directly concerned.

Peacekeeping can only continue, of course, if it has the full support of all member states including practical support in the form of prompt payment of peacekeeping assessments, and contributions. Without the necessary financial resources neither the United Nations nor individual force contributors can be expected for long to carry the responsibilities they have been asked to assume.

#### STRUCTURAL REFORM: Political Issues and Technical Problems

Mr. President, I would like to comment on one particular problem affecting the management of the affairs of our evolving organization. Efforts have been made over the years to treat technical problems and political issues separately. The specialized agencies and technical conferences have been mainly devoted to their own immediate concerns, while political issues have been discussed primarily in those organs with the competence to deal with such matters, the Security Council and the General Assembly.

We well recognize that, even in technical conferences, member states must take account of political realities, and that in some cases the line of separation between the political and technical cannot always be too rigidly drawn. But we shall do a serious disservice to our system of cooperation within the UN System if we fail to distinguish in a clear and unmistakable manner, between, on the one hand, the authority and competence of the Security Council and the General Assembly in those political fields prescribed by the Charter, and, on the other, the competence and authority of technical conferences in their respective fields.

In the meantime, it is the hope of my Government that in the spirit of cooperation that has so happily characterized the deliberations of the Seventh Special