

further studies, and the forms of cooperation which will have to be established with other agencies or organizations already involved in the study of these problems, such as the Inter-Governmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, the Fisheries Committee of FAO and the WMO Advisory Committee on the application of science and technology to development. After the Committee, with appropriate assistance from the Secretary-General, has reported to the next session of UNGA we should then be in a position to take further measures to pursue our work in this field.

I have refrained, Mr. Chairman, from engaging in a discussion of other fields of activities directly or indirectly related to the question of the exploration and exploitation of resources of the abyssal depths. It is obvious that current and future studies in respect of fisheries, pollution, navigation and oceanography will sooner or later have to be coordinated with our efforts. However, the preliminary reaction of my delegation is to tend toward the view that we might be best advised, for the time being to defer any formal discussion on the scope of such a committee's work until that committee has itself carried out a preliminary survey of what has been done and what needs to be done in relation to the Maltese proposal.

So far as the arms control aspects of the Maltese proposal are concerned, I need hardly state that Canada firmly