

9. I therefore listened with sympathy to the remarks on this subject which were made last Wednesday, October 27 by the distinguished representative of Israel. We have noted that other delegates also seemed to be concerned by this aspect of the financial problem. It is certainly the hope of the Canadian Delegation that if the Technical Assistance Committee should have another opportunity to consider this matter in relation to EPTA, it could do so in a less restrictive manner. Canada has also noted with interest the roles which other organizations of the United Nations family and, in particular, UNESCO, might play in this field. We would also favour any initiative which UNITAR might choose to adopt to further the teaching, study, and wider dissemination of international law.

10. To sum up, let me say that Canada voted in favour of Resolution 1968 (XVIII) and that the Canadian Delegation is very much in favour of this Assembly's taking all the steps which are practicable to implement a programme for technical assistance in international law. Where we and some of our colleagues in this Committee part company is in our views on how best this should be done. As I have already indicated, Canada is not in favour of deciding now on the future inclusion of a separate provision in the regular budget for this item. We prefer to await the outcome of another appeal for voluntary contributions before giving further consideration to that possibility.

11. Canada would not be in favour of limiting an appeal for voluntary contributions only to "additional activities" other than those which this Committee might wish to recommend, as seems at present to be provided under operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution L/567. We think that whatever programme is proposed, the possibility of financing any part of it by voluntary contributions should be provided for.

12. We are, of course, entirely in agreement with those delegations which, in speaking earlier on this item, have stressed the need for the closest co-ordination between the United Nations, its various agencies, and the bilateral programmes of individual countries or national agencies, and which have referred to the necessity of avoiding wherever possible any duplication of effort in this field.

13. My delegation therefore supports the amendments proposed in A/C.6/L.568 and could not vote in favour of Op. para.4 of A/C.6/L.567.

14. Finally, I would like to assure the Committee that regardless of what resolution is in due course proposed by us, it is the definite intention of the Canadian Government officials concerned to re-examine our technical assistance programmes in order to determine whether Canada might make further contributions towards the promotion, teaching, study, dissemination, and wider appreciation of international law.