

The Economic and Social Council took into account the views of the Secretary General and adopted a calendar of conferences for 1964 which did not include a meeting of the Human Rights Commission.

Canada has consistently supported the Secretary General in his attempt to reduce the number of meetings in 1964, and we have endorsed the calendar of conferences which the Economic and Social Council adopted. We do not consider that the situation which caused the Secretary General to make his appeal has changed. In fact, when the Third Committee was considering this issue the Secretary General in Document A/C.3/L.1144 reiterated his hope that the calendar of conferences approved by the Economic and Social Council would be maintained.

We understand the desire of some delegations to have a draft convention on racial discrimination ready for consideration by the Nineteenth Session of this Assembly. In order to have **this** convention prepared the Economic and Social Council has now been asked to reverse its decision regarding a 1964 meeting of the Human Rights Commission. In our view this decision was taken without paying sufficient regard to the broader considerations which led the Secretary General to make his proposal and the Economic and Social Council to approve it. We believe that the inevitable consequences will be to affect adversely the operations of the United Nations in other areas which are equally important to the needs and aspirations of all of us but particularly of the less developed countries. It is for these reasons, Mr. President, that we have voted against this resolution.