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ITEM 24: Report of the Preparatory Committee on the International
Cooperation Year.

Statement by H.E. Mr. Paul Tremblay
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Mr. President,

Last year a number of delegations, including my own, cosponsored a resolution which established a Preparatory Committee to consider the possibility of designating 1965 as a year of international cooperation. Canada is gratified that the Preparatory Committee has recommended that 1965 should be designated as International Cooperation Year.

My delegation believes that much practical value can be gained from devoting a year to the promotion of international cooperation. One of the characteristics of the twentieth century has been the enormous advance in the speed of communications. The world has suddenly grown small. It is now necessary for each of us to take account of developments even in countries on the other side of the globe. Moreover, newspapers, the radio and television report events around the world almost as they happen. The pressure of the press, of legislatures and of public opinion oblige our governments to take positions. As never before in history, we are all involved in each others affairs.

Coinciding with this development has been the remarkable increase in the scale of governmental activities. To the common man these increasingly large administrations seem to be rather impersonal. With industrialization and urbanization and now with automation, people feel themselves in the grip of uncontrollable man-made forces which determine their destinies.

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