

We must not, of course, allow any analysis of the things that have gone wrong to obscure the many things that have gone right within the U.N. system. We often take for granted the many parts of the system which are continuing to function well. I shall cite only a few examples.

First, most of the U.N. Specialized Agencies are continuing to carry out their mandates with distinction and dedication. The International Aviation Organization, as a case in point, was able last spring to approve unanimously an amendment to its constitution making even clearer the existing prohibition against using force against civil aircraft.

Second, in human rights, the distance still to go, and the double standards still at play, cannot obscure the step-by-step progress which has been made. All those who cherish human rights have been heartened by the election of a Government of Argentina committed to the restoration of human rights.

Canada hopes that at this session the next important international milestone in human rights will be passed, adoption of a Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment. We must send a message to the world that torture is unacceptable to civilized nations.

Third, the U.N.'s development activities and humanitarian assistance continue to be irreplaceable. In 1984 the United Nations Development Programme will generate about \$1 billion in technical assistance to developing countries using the parts of the U.N. system as executing agencies. UNICEF makes a vital contribution to meeting the development and humanitarian needs of mothers and children. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, coordinate essential humanitarian assistance to refugees.

Fourth, the U.N. system is also helping to focus upon the most persistent social issues facing society. The U.N.'s designation of 1985 as International Youth Year has encouraged many countries such as Canada to develop a comprehensive national program in this field. The Second International Conference on Population, held this past summer