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Text of Statement to be delivered by the Canadian Representative in the Fifth Committee, Mr. Lloyd Francis, on Item 80: "Implementation of the Recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies" on Friday, Oct. 13, 1967.

My delegation had been looking forward with some anticipation to the Secretary-General's report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies. Canada was a member of the Committee, and a co-sponsor of the Resolution which adopted the Report of the Committee, and we were, like many countries, both a strong supporter of its work and a strong believer in its recommendations. While we would like to commend the Secretary-General and the Specialized Agencies for the steps they have taken to implement many of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations, in all honesty, we are forced to admit that the Secretary-General's latest report on Implementation (A/6803) does not live up to our expectations.

The Canadian delegation would like to associate itself with the remarks made by the Advisory Committee in their report on this item (Document A/6853, paragraph 4), and I quote:

"The report is too condensed to provide a reliable indication of either the consideration which individual agencies have given to the recommendations or of the manner in which they have resolved or proposed to resolve several questions."

We also agree with the Advisory Committee when they go on to recommend that a more detailed description of the state of implementation of the recommendations should be provided in the Secretary-General's next report to the General Assembly.

We had hoped that the 42nd Session of the Economic and Social Council would be provided with a report on implementation of those recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee related to the United Nations itself and that the 43rd Session would be provided with a report on recommendations related to the agencies and requiring inter-agency action.