

Treaty. I shall give a concrete example of the need for our remaining on the alert by mentioning that during June and July of this year Canada registered a rise in the levels of atomic radiations. Such radio-active fall-out was the result of nuclear tests which had taken place almost a year before. You will easily understand the deep concern of all Canadians, and the concern which continues to be felt by several countries at the thought that the movements of such radiations may eventually reach their territories.

There is no need to emphasize how necessary is the maintenance of a system which will enable us to record the movements of atomic radiations and to acquire a deeper knowledge of their effects, and of the precautions and other measures to be taken in order to minimize their harmfulness.

The system developed by the World Meteorological Organization for recording and distributing data concerning levels of atmospheric radiations, together with the study conducted by our Scientific Committee, will enable us to acquire scientific data which will help us in learning more about the effects and movements of radiations of any origin.

We believe more than ever before that international cooperation in this field is proving absolutely essential in order to prevent or at least to correct the harmful effects of radiations on nutrition, health, genetics, meteorology, in fact on all manifestations of life.

We believe therefore that the development of the system for the recording and distribution of data concerning levels of atmospheric radio-activity -- a system which became evolved after long and close consideration by all appropriate bodies -- is a highly worthwhile achievement which must be kept up by the General Assembly. The majority of members in the Assembly, if not all members, are sharing this view and seventeen delegations, including Canada, have expressed it by preparing a draft resolution contained in Document ¹/SPC/L.97. The delegations of Brazil, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Ghana, Japan, Mali, Mexico, Norway, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Thailand,