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Statement by Mrs. Jean Casselman, Canadian
Representative on the Third Committee on
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Mr. Chairman:

My country has always had a keen interest in the activities of the Economic and Social Council, and has participated in the work of its functional commissions. As a number of distinguished delegates have pointed out in their speeches, it is particularly heartening that, despite the difficulties which divide us in other spheres of interest, we should find ourselves able to cooperate in furthering the important work of the Council, in its efforts to reduce the gap between the developed and the underdeveloped countries.

This is one of the fundamental problems of our time. There is no quick or easy solution, but we have created within the framework of the United Nations, organizations which are working steadily to find the best means of stimulating economic and social development.

The report on the world social situation seems to my delegation a considered and balanced document, which analyses clearly a number of complex problems. We should like to join other delegations in commending the Social Commission on its report.

To a very large extent we have all tended to concentrate on the economic problems which confront the world. There were, of course, excellent reasons why we should have done so. The destruction caused by the Second World War, and the need to provide quickly for rapidly increasing populations, lent a sense of urgency to economic development. ^{aid} The concept of balanced social and economic development has only recently been recognized. Economic progress is now seen to be dependent to a very considerable degree upon social progress, and even the most imaginative and far-reaching