

Finally, there is the question of the participation of the Specialized Agencies. The Delegation of Canada endorses wholeheartedly the view that the Specialized Agencies should concert with the Committee concerning any work they may be doing or contemplating within the sphere of the Committee's jurisdiction. We do not think that any specialized agency should presume to take over the duties of the Technical Committee. On the other hand, WHO, for example, which has recently established a section to deal with health problems arising from the use of nuclear energy - and other of the specialized agencies - may be in a position to make useful contributions.

Through the ages, each new scientific and industrial advance has brought with it new problems. We have only to think of the airplane. While the airplane has done a great deal to bring people and communities closer together, it has created a whole new set of problems relating to such matters as the regulation of international air routes, safety and health standards. Nuclear energy is, in a sense, unique among scientific discoveries in that preventive action against the hazards it may create is now being taken well in advance of its actual widespread development.

Mr. Chairman, few discoveries in recent times have made such an impression on the human mind as the release of nuclear energy. This generation has an obligation to posterity to hand down the legacy of nuclear technology not only with all its useful potentialities but also with corresponding knowledge of how to deal with its inherent hazards.

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