

that the agreed principles adopted by the Assembly in 1962 should continue to govern discussions at the World Disarmament Conference.

The Secretary General suggested in a recent speech that progress on disarmament, whether general or nuclear, would hardly be possible so long as one of the major military powers which has recently developed some military nuclear capacity in its own right did not participate. The Secretary General went on to indicate that when the World Disarmament Conference is held, it should take place under conditions which would make it possible for all countries if they so wished to participate in its deliberations. Canada hopes that the Peoples Republic of China will be invited to take part in the discussions.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. President, in our anxiety over the great questions of war and peace we must not overlook the connection between those matters and economic and social circumstances which are the pre-conditions of order and stability. The past twenty years have witnessed an awakening of man's social conscience and the start of an unprecedented assault on poverty, disease and ignorance.

But that is not enough. The gap between the per capita incomes of developing and developed countries has been widening; the population explosion demands a rapid increase in the momentum of economic development; and the debt repayment problems are threatening programmes already launched. The fact is that the flow of development assistance has been