

programmes of technical assistance relating to activities in the field of international law, together with a draft resolution authorizing, among other things, the Secretary-General to carry out, in 1967, the activities specified in his report.

At the outset of the debate, the chairman of the Sixth Committee informed members that he had referred the item to the Chairman of the Second Committee in order to have the benefit of that Committee's comments on the technical assistance aspects of the proposed programme. As the United Nations was awaiting the decision of UNESCO's General Conference, then sitting in Paris, on the question of UNESCO participation (financial and otherwise) in the regional training and refresher course proposed to be held in Tanzania in 1967 under the joint auspices of United Nations and UNESCO, the chairman suggested that the Committee should continue its discussion only for two meetings but return to the item later in December. During the next two meetings, delegates commented on the Secretary-General's report and suggested a few minor changes in the resolution. It soon appeared that there was a wide consensus as to the value of the programme set out in the report, and on the resolution tabled in the Committee, although a number of Western delegations, including Canada's, were opposed in principle to including part of the programme as an additional item in the United Nations regular budget. When word had been received from UNESCO that it would join with the United Nations in sponsoring and financing a regional course to be held in Tanzania in 1967, the Sixth Committee met to conclude this item. Considering the strong negative position Canada had adopted in 1965 in regard to the addition of new items of this kind to the regular budget of the United Nations, the Canadian representative spoke briefly, stressing that Canada remained opposed in principle to the proliferation of such items as new chapters in the regular budget, and that it was hoped that within the next few years it might prove possible, as a result of a combination of voluntary offers and financing through other UN bodies, to drop this item from the regular budget. In the Sixth Committee, the draft resolution was approved with 73 in favour (Canada) and none opposed, with no abstentions, and in plenary it also achieved unanimous support.