

Mr. Chairman, I have referred to the difficult administrative and technical problems which arise in the establishment of a new international organization. The Secretary-General, in his introduction to this year's budget, must have had some difficulties peculiar to the United Nations in mind when he made the following statement in his introduction to this year's budget. I quote:

".....I would like to refer to the more recent phenomenon of creating autonomous organization units within the Secretariat. While I am aware of the considerations which prompt Member States to adopt this course, I feel obliged to draw attention to the administrative consequences which are likely to follow. The creation of autonomous units within the Secretariat, and therefore under my jurisdiction of Chief Administrative Officer, raises serious questions of organizational authority and responsibility. Moreover, such a trend is not altogether consistent with the concept of a unified secretariat working as a team towards the accomplishment of the main goals of the Organization. On the contrary, it may tend to have the adverse effect of pitting one segment of the Secretariat against another, in competition for the necessary financial and political support for its own work programmes. Such a situation might well result in undue preoccupation with future requirements to the detriment of ensuring the effective and efficient use of existing credits and resources. Furthermore, practical experience over the years has shown that substantive arms of the Secretariat cannot operate effectively in isolation from the central administrative, conference and general services on which they depend. To the heads of these services, I have delegated day-to-day control and planning responsibilities which cannot be diminished without detriment to the general interest of the United Nations. The process of creating autonomous units should therefore be looked at not only in terms of the possible advantages to the particular substantive programmes but also in the context of a secretariat dependent for reasons of economy in administrative efficiency upon central supporting services".

With these cogent observations of the Secretary-General in mind, Mr. Chairman, my delegation would like to direct some questions to him which seem to us important in our consideration of how to deal with the question of the site of the headquarters of UNIDO. We should, of course, like to have a full statement of financial implications for locating UNIDO at a site other than at United Nations headquarters. We should also like to know in