

established, we have also favoured and continue to favour the maintenance of strict budgetary discipline within the United Nations. In that respect with your permission I would like to refer briefly to certain remarks made by the Canadian representative to the 5th Committee on Wednesday, October 27, in the general debate on the 1966 Budget Estimates. At that time he stated the following:

"Now that the imminent possibility of the application of Article 19 has been removed and the General Assembly is proceeding in normal fashion, there is a natural tendency to conclude that the policy of budgetary restraint followed by the Secretary-General in recent years is no longer applicable. In the view of my Delegation, Mr. Chairman, such an attitude would be most unfortunate in the face of the substantial debt yet to be liquidated, the continuing peace-keeping operations that must be paid for and the considerable increases which are occurring in the programmes of the various components of the United Nations family.

My Delegation agrees with the Secretary-General that, in attempting to balance the precarious cash position of the Organization with the legitimate desires of most members for expanded social and economic programmes, one must draw a distinction between budgetary policy and the current financial crisis, which cannot be solved merely by reducing or containing the regular budget. Nevertheless it is impossible to escape the realities of a \$100 million deficit which demands, as pointed out by the Advisory Committee, that expenses be kept to a minimum consistent with efficiency."

8. Canada is opposed to any increase in the amount for technical assistance in the Regular Budget. My delegation is therefore unable to support operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution L/567 and instead is in favour of the amendment to that paragraph proposed in paragraph 3 of L/568. Here however I would like to refer to the Report of the Technical Assistance Committee (E/3933) based on a note by the Technical Assistance Board, and set out in part in document A/5791 of November 30/64 and to the elaborating statements made further to that report in this Committee last week by Miss Seymour and Mr. Coomaraswamy of the Secretariat. I, myself, on Monday, October 25 had expressed the hope that the Secretariat might speak to this Committee on the financial implications of the proposed programme which had been elaborated by the Special Committee and I have already expressed my thanks for the extremely useful and clarifying remarks which they made when they appeared before us. I do not, however, find myself able to endorse the somewhat restrictive views which the TAC set forth with regard to the sort of technical assistance in the field of international law which might be provided to member states under EPTA.