

will be tomorrow those who will support the United Nations, because they will have known what the United Nations has done for them, and how it has improved their life. Through this kind of project we will see the unification of nations in spirit and in body.

On behalf of my delegation and my country I should like to state that we are in favour of this undertaking which has rallied behind it my Government and my people. We have expressed our admiration for the project without any reservations. We have lauded the magnificent work of the United Nations through this special Fund. I should like to stress here a fact which underlines the unanimity which we feel. This can be seen from the contribution of the population itself which, over the last few years, has reached the figure of over one million dollars, and this can also be seen by the contribution of \$8 million to the Fund by the Canadian Government.

May I be permitted to say a few words now with regard to the question which is before us. First of all, we are called upon to decide about the future functioning of the Fund. The Fund was established in 1946, pursuant to a unanimous resolution of the United Nations General Assembly calling for assistance to children of war-devastated countries. Of course this called for a new orientation and, in 1950, pursuant to a special resolution of the General Assembly, UNICEF was given a three-year lease which was to be terminated on 31 December 1953. It was called upon to conclude the long-term programme dealing with children, especially in under-developed countries in Africa, in Asia, in South America and in Europe in the region of the Mediterranean Near East.

The question therefore seems to be as follows: should we have a specific institution such as UNICEF within the framework of the United Nations and without limitation as to time? This question was studied by the Economic and Social Council at its last session and approval was given to this idea.

We believe that the tasks already achieved by UNICEF with so much success justify our support in asking for its continuation. The experience of the last three years has shown that UNICEF has worked, in the establishment and implementation of its programmes, in close co-operation with the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations so as to prevent any kind of overlapping. The delegation of Canada believes that not only is it advantageous for UNICEF to establish its programmes bearing in mind the activities of other Specialized Agencies of the United Nations, but that such concerted action is indispensable to the full efficiency of the United Nations endeavours.

We formulate the wish that the co-operation will become even more close, if possible, because it will certainly give rise to greater efficiency in the economic and social endeavours undertaken by the United Nations, and it will result in economy with regard to financial resources and efforts. That is why the delegation of Canada is happy to join with other countries which represent different parts of the world in supporting a resolution calling for the