level of international co-operation and by a marked increase in the number of projects in various fields, jointly undertaken on an international basis. The General Assembly expressed the conviction that a designated period of rededication to international co-operation would serve to direct attention to the common interests of mankind and to accelerate the joint efforts being made to further those interests.

The proposal for an International Co-operation Year was first advanced at the United Nations by Prime Minister Nehru in 1961, during the course of the sixteenth session of the General Assembly. The Canadian Government has lent its full support to the proposal and, at the most recent session of the Assembly, the Canadian Delegation played an active role in promoting broad acceptance of the resolution embodying the proposal. The Preparatory Committee is expected to meet shortly in New York at United Nations Headquarters.