

Although our Delegation recognizes the difficulties inherent in identifying the various direct and indirect costs involved in conferences, we feel that in the light of the problems involved in an ever expanding conference programme, it would be most advantageous for delegations to have separate cost estimates for conferences. The Secretary-General has drawn attention to the need for a definition of "indirect costs of meetings". We feel that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should perhaps make recommendations on a possible definition of these costs for consideration by the Committee on Conferences.

We appreciate the extra effort which will be required by the Secretariat in order to produce a more extensive report on implementation of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations. We recognize the problems involved in asking the various agencies to donate their time to supplying additional information. However, my delegation feels that as time passes it becomes increasingly important to have a full picture of the degree to which the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee have been implemented. We therefore look forward to fuller reports on implementation from the Secretary-General. We feel it is important that the Economic and Social Council and the Advisory Committee be kept informed in the months ahead of the progress made in implementation. We would be interested in joining with other member states in requesting a new and more detailed report from the Secretary-General.

Thank you.