

accepted and each dealing with different aspects of the problem. Canada's belief in the Single Convention is perhaps best evidenced by the fact that we were the first country to ratify it. My Government is therefore hopeful that the ratifications which have followed will be followed in turn by at least a requisite number to bring the convention into full operation at the earliest possible time.

My Government would also like to express its agreement with the principle set forth in the Council's resolution 965-B which requests the General Assembly to enlarge the Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 25 to 30 members, to reconfirm the existing membership of the committee for the duration of the High Commissioner's mandate and to elect the five additional members at its resumed session next December. Canada hopes that all countries with legitimate interest in refugee problems will as a result continue to be represented on an equitable basis on the Executive Committee.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, my delegation wishes to stress that almost four years have passed since the United Nations Development Decade was launched. The experience we have gained during these four years has reinforced rather than diminished our belief in international development. Nonetheless, while a great deal has been accomplished already, much remains to be done. In 1959, Mr. Paul Hoffman said, "The crucial decade 1960-1970 is just around the corner. In that decade half the world's population must find proof that they are on the road to a freer and richer life. If we can accelerate the pace of economic development in the 1960's as we hope, and if it can be maintained, we will come close by the end of the century to banishing the poverty, illiteracy and chronic ill health which have plagued the human race since the beginning of time." This is the challenge we still face. We have just six years to make a significant step.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.