

involve a continuing process over a number of years. However, it is the progress that we make in these vital areas which will ultimately determine our success in improving the efficiency and cohesiveness of this Organization.

I should like at this stage to refer briefly to two factors which my delegation feels could be of great importance in furthering the continuing process of administrative and budgetary improvement.

One of these is the General Review to be undertaken by the Enlarged Committee for Programme and Co-ordination. The purpose of the General Review is in part to obtain a clear and comprehensive picture of the existing operational and research activities of the United Nations system in the fields of economic and social development. The Enlarged Committee is to recommend any changes which it feels are necessary in existing arrangements in order to ensure that resources are concentrated on programmes of direct relevance to member states and that the programmes themselves are so organized as to permit an early and flexible response to the needs of individual countries and regions while placing the minimum burden on the administrative resources of both member states and the United Nations organizations concerned. The Committee is also to make recommendations to ensure the evolution of an integrated system of long-term planning on a programme basis and the improvement of evaluation techniques. The purposes of the General Review are, therefore, closely related to the purposes of the reassessment on which we embarked two years ago. While we are under no illusions about the difficulties implicit in the general review we, nonetheless, regard it as an important adjunct to the improvement of our administrative and budgetary procedures and as an essential prerequisite to the attainment of the objective, to which we subscribe, of achieving a coherent programme of assistance to developing countries emanating from a closely-linked United Nations system of organizations. We hope that a first step was taken in that direction about three weeks ago when the Enlarged Committee compiled a list of priority questions for consideration. Out of its study of these important questions there may in time emerge recommendations which will do much to improve the methods of work of the organizations of the United Nations family.

Second, I would like to remind member states that the Ad Hoc Committee of 14 was charged with not one, but two tasks and produced not one, but two reports. It is my delegation's view that in our concern with implementing the recommendations contained in the second report of the Ad Hoc Committee, we are in danger of overlooking its first