

QUESTION 2 (cont'd)

technology), culture and communication. Progress in these fields will deal with the causes rather than the symptoms and will be more effective in the long run than direct attacks on these problems, which should also be continued (by the appropriate agencies) to relieve human misery.

Canada is well aware that the changes that are required in the international system, particularly progress towards a new world order based on human solidarity, interdependence and mutual interests, will require major adjustments in Canada and other industrial societies. What these adjustments will be and how they can be anticipated and worked out, need urgent study at both national and international levels. But Canada also realizes that it is ultimately in the best interest of everyone everywhere that significant progress towards the solution of this fundamental problem in the evolution of human society be made in this decade.

Some of the areas of particular interest to Canada cover:

social development and improvement in the quality of life: Canada experiences many development problems which are not unlike problems faced by developing countries: isolated communities, regional disparities, minorities, status of women. In efforts made to face these problems, there is renewed emphasis on the need to promote equal opportunity and to improve the quality of life for all.

cultural development and transcultural communication: Canada's own experience with cultural plurality, its concern for the protection of national sovereignty and identity, its search for a system which will allow for the harmonious development of all segments of the population, including native populations, are areas of concern which Canada shares with many Member States. There is great interest in the Unesco Conference on cultural policies scheduled for 1982.

formal education: awareness of global issues could and should be improved in Canada with a view to developing skills to deal constructively with world problems;