

Delegation supports the proposed publication in simple language of Information on potential benefits of space technology. We believe that advantage should be taken of assistance from the specialized agencies and we believe that the final publications should be produced in the better form suggested in the conference paper. The extra cost is minimal compared to the benefits of an attractive presentation.

My Delegation welcomes the information provided by the Secretary-General on arrangements within the Secretariat for coordination of topics related to space activities. We would appreciate receiving from time to time summaries of topics considered by the Working Panel on Space Applications because we believe that such summaries would be of considerable value to our Government in maintaining our awareness of activities related to space.

Working Group on Direct Broadcast Satellites

The Canadian Delegation would like to go on record as expressing its appreciation for the important achievements of the Working Group on Direct Broadcast Satellites. We note that the Working Group considered that it had completed the work which could usefully be effected at this stage. We are convinced that significant potential benefits for all mankind can result from international co-operation in this new form of communication. As a country of immense geographical proportions with a scattered population, Canada has an obvious interest in the development and exploitation of a direct broadcast satellite system.