

In Canada, consideration of the broad subject of human rights is emphasized throughout the year by a number of public celebrations. For instance, we celebrate Brotherhood Week, Citizenship Day, United Nations Day, World Services Day and International Day. But each year, on the 10th of December, the attention of all Canadians is focussed on the ideals and the norms which emerge from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Similarly, the impact which the Declaration has had on national legislations all over the world, and more especially in Canada through the promulgation of the Bill of Rights, is stressed. This explains, I believe, the Canadian Government's interest in ensuring that the 15th anniversary will be suitably observed. And I can assure you that Canada will co-operate both in the international field and at home to ensure a worthy commemoration.

My Delegation believes that a small and compact special committee to be appointed by the Secretary-General could make a useful and effective contribution. In consultation with the appropriate organizations it could prepare plans and suggestions for publicizing the Declaration and thus provide substantial assistance to all Member States but especially to those new members of our organization who did not receive the material distributed on the occasion of the 10th anniversary.

As for the amendments to the resolution tabled by the USSR Delegation, I reserve the right of my Delegation to comment on these when they are being considered by the Committee.

In turning to other problems in the social field, I should like to express my appreciation for the very lucid comments made by Dr. Tabibi on recent developments in the work of UNICEF, and by Miss Henderson on the current projects of the Bureau of Social Affairs.