

There are two separate ways of dealing with this situation. One method already being pursued by the Technical Assistance Committee and the Economic and Social Council is that of appealing to governments to increase their financial contributions to the programme. The Canadian Delegation certainly believes that it is useful and desirable to bring to the attention of member governments the problems and requirements of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in relation to the urgent needs of the less developed countries. It should be recognized, however, that by themselves appeals for additional funds do not necessarily represent the most constructive action which the Second Committee and the Economic and Social Council can take in relation to the dilemma that I have already mentioned. The Economic and Social Council has already requested the Technical Assistance Board, and invited participating governments, to suggest measures which would make it possible to implement a larger programme. No matter how much money governments contribute to the expanded programme the total available resources will always be less than the demands to be made on them. In these circumstances the remainder of my statement will be devoted mainly to a consideration of how the present available resources can best be used. We believe that, in our discussions in this Committee, emphasis should be placed on this aspect of the question.

Before complying with my own prescription, Mr. Chairman, I should like to refer briefly to the support which the Canadian Government has given and continues to give to the Expanded Programme. This support was reaffirmed on United Nations Day this year by the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, who stated: "The very important but often unheralded economic and humanitarian aspects of United Nations work are an excellent example of the forward strides which can and have been made. Outstanding in this field is the aid to under-developed countries which has been given through United Nations programmes of technical assistance, and the advances in social and physical well-being which have been achieved throughout the world by the Specialized Agencies."

The Canadian Delegation to the Eighth United Nations Technical Assistance conference announced that, subject to Parliamentary approval, the Canadian contribution for 1958 would be of the same order as that for 1957. The Canadian contribution for 1957 to the Expanded Programme was 2,000,000 United States dollars, fully convertible in every respect, which was placed entirely at the disposition of the Technical Assistance Board. This was the third largest contribution, being exceeded only by those of the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I should like to turn to a consideration of how available resources can best be utilized. In Mr. Owen's statement our attention was drawn to the effective co-operation which has been established between the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and other programmes of economic aid. Members of this Committee will recall that my delegation has always believed