

The Canadian Government has duly noted the comments of the Commissioner General concerning the present financial situation of the Agency, and in the light of these observations and conscious of the appeal of Mr. Michelmore, will examine in a constructive spirit the question of its contribution.

The second issue concerns the renewal of UNRWA's mandate. As you are aware, the present mandate, which was renewed for one year only, will expire June 30, 1966. The Commissioner General in his report stresses the need for a longer mandate if he is to organize his programme of activities on a stable and economic basis. The Canadian Government agrees with the principle that a longer mandate, perhaps of three years, would greatly facilitate the organization of the Agency's work. My government will give it all the attention it deserves while keeping in mind, of course, other proposals submitted in this debate.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, allow me to quote the last paragraph of the text of the inscription on the plaque which was unveiled during the inaugural ceremony of the Vocational Training Centre at Sibliin in 1962 for it expresses better than I could, not only the motives which inspired my statement, but also the fact that international cooperation, far from being a hollow term, constitutes a constructive reality:

"This inscription bears witness to the hope that cooperation and brotherhood between nations will continue to flourish and to faith that within these walls will be trained young men who will bring joy and pride to their families and by their devoted labour help to enrich the Arab world and all humanity."

Mr. Chairman, the inscription at the Vocational Training Centre at Sibliin eloquently demonstrates that, in the search for a solution to the problem which faces us, if good will between nations exists and the desire for the brotherhood of man prevails, the cooperation between governments and private organizations permits us to envisage substantial progress towards assuring the well-being of the Palestine refugees. It is in this spirit that my Delegation proposes to follow the debate of our committee.