

Committee have not had sufficient time to consider its recommendations and discuss its application.

We are aware that the General Conference and the Executive Board of UNESCO will be considering this report and we were pleased by the statement yesterday by the representative of UNESCO to this effect. Members of the Fifth Committee also have a responsibility to comment on reports of this kind, not only because the Fifth Committee has an interest in developing common principles for application in the U.N. system, but in addition because most member states are not represented on the governing organs of the bodies in question. We would hope that in the future the Fifth Committee would take the time to consider carefully the appropriate application of the Advisory Committee's recommendations concerning the Administrative and Management procedures of any U.N. organ studied.

Without having had the time necessary to make a proper analysis of this thorough report, we wish at this time to offer only a few brief comments of a general nature. We endorse the approach of the Advisory Committee in dealing with all operational aspects and resisting the temptation to limit its scope.

We are encouraged that the Advisory Committee felt free to point out that contradictions exist in the various directives issued by the General Conference concerning the programme trends and objectives of UNESCO. Our delegation would support any effort made in the General Conference to concentrate programme and budgetary resources on selected priorities of primary importance while eliminating marginal activities. We consider that education should be the continuing first