

withholdings and the implication by some delegations of a linkage between reform and contributions. Given the realities of the U.N. it was probably not reasonable to hope for more than we got. Given these qualifications, my delegation is generally satisfied with the manner in which CPC worked and the level of discussion on key issues. However, in future years we would hope for CPC to bring about broad agreement on many more issues related to the priorities, orientation, planning and coordination of programmes.

As regards the Medium Term Plan, the proposed rollover of the current plan for an additional two years appears the most practical solution to enable the Secretary-General to carry out a lengthy but logical sequence of consultations prior to preparation of the next Plan. My delegation is most anxious that Member States indeed have the full opportunity in central, sectoral and functional fora to discuss and ultimately set priorities and establish direction in the U.N. system. The roll-over also provides the Secretary-General the opportunity to produce a Plan that is not merely a recitation of what inter-governmental bodies are already doing but rather is a flexible and comprehensive outline of directions and priorities for the 1990's. The Plan should guide and it should capture the imagination in its sketch of the future. It should stimulate energies and enhance performance and finally the Plan should provide yardsticks to measure achievement.

Fourth, Mr. Chairman, my delegation fully shares the concern expressed by the Secretary-General and by several other delegations on the severity of the financial crisis. We have always held the view that all Member States have a binding and legal obligation to pay assessed contributions in full and on time. Actions which deny the organization its assessed contributions are contrary to the terms of the Charter, which all Member States have signed, and penalize those member states which pay on time. My delegation does not accept any linkage between implementation of Resolution 41/213 and payment of assessed contributions and regards implications of such a linkage as damaging to the reform process. In view of our position, we welcome the recent announcement by the USSR to pay all of its arrears to the U.N. regular budget and to peacekeeping activities. We also salute the decision by Japan, a fully paid-up member of the U.N., to make an emergency special contribution of \$20 million.

Mr. Chairman,

We have heard that if the current pattern of expected contributions continues the United Nations faces insolvency by August 1988. It is therefore clear that we face a short term