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Statement made by the Canadian Representative,
Mr. Bruce Rankin, in the Economic and Social
Council on Wednesday, November 1, 1967.

We welcome here today the distinguished Secretary-General of UNCTAD to whose statement we have listened with great interest. I am aware of the general desire to avoid the reproduction of oral statements since the burden of translating and printing such statements is increasingly heavy. I should like to propose, however, that we ask the Secretary-General to arrange for the circulation of Dr. Prebisch's statement.

A Canadian delegation participated actively in the fifth session of the Trade and Development Board which forms the subject of the third annual report of the Board in document E/4434. Canadian ideas and views on the subjects discussed by the Board have been stated at the Board session. Furthermore, there will be an opportunity in a few days' time in the General Assembly to outline again our thoughts about the approach we believe should be taken by UNCTAD during the two months or so that remain before the opening of the Second Conference.

The preparations for the second Conference were naturally the main preoccupation of the Board at its fifth session. In addition to furthering those complex preparations, the Board did, however, also touch on two subjects of particular interest to this Council. I refer to questions of coordination and cooperation between UNCTAD and various international agencies and organizations with responsibilities which in part relate, to varying degrees, to international trade.

Two such questions of coordination were discussed at the fifth session of the Board; cooperation with other international bodies in the convening of meetings to discuss trading problems of specific commodities and cooperation between the GATT and UNCTAD to form a joint export promotion centre. Both these questions received considerable attention by the Trade and Development Board. It is, accordingly, unnecessary for me to say anything more about them here