

in the flow of resources to these countries during the decade of the 1950's and particularly during the past few years. Equally important is the growing awareness that developing countries require not only external financial assistance but also the opportunity to expand and develop their trade as well as self-help measures of various kinds. It is in relation to the other factors in the development process that the efficacy of external financial and technical assistance must be viewed.

In referring to United Nations programmes of technical co-operation, we believe the Technical Assistance Committee and ECOSOC should be warmly commended for giving practical effect to the importance of evaluation of assistance provided to developing countries by adopting this past summer Resolution 908 (XXXIV). This resolution opens the way to a better and more effective use of the funds available for United Nations technical co-operation programmes, and is fully in accord with the objectives of the Development Decade.

We have recently had an example of the ability of the United Nations to expand its activities to meet pressing needs. I am referring of course to the coming into being of the World Food Programme. My Government is deeply gratified at the success of the Pledging Conference for this new programme held a few weeks ago. At that Conference, 31 Governments pledged approximately \$86 million and a further 9 Governments announced their intention to make pledges at a later date. We hope additional pledges will be forthcoming so that the \$100 million target can be attained. As the Secretary-General remarked at the Conference, "The fact that the United Nations is striking out along such new paths is evidence of its continuing vitality and its capacity to deal with changing situations". My Government was glad to have been able to play from the start an active part in the establishment of this important and promising programme, and has pledged \$5 million to it.