

On the administrative and budgetary side of the United Nations, the most important development was the agreement that the share of the maximum contributor should not be more than 25%. Canada supported the United States' move for the reduction in its rate of contribution and worked to gain support for it.

We have welcomed the outcome of the negotiations which will make it possible for the Federal German Republic and the German Democratic Republic to join the United Nations, We have also supported the application of Bangladesh to join as well as its adherence to several specialized agencies.

Last December the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution establishing a 35 member ad hoc committee on international terrorism which will meet for the first time this Summer. The Government of Canada has been invited to serve on the committee where we intend to express the view that the Government of Canada, while believing that the underlying cause of terrorism should be studied, considers that the study should not delay the taking of immediate measures to prevent acts of international terrorism.

Since April 1971 Canada has been pressing for a new convention which would create effective international machinery for investigating, determining fault and taking "joint action" in cases where states contribute to a threat to the safety of civil aviation. Many states, for political or constitutional reasons, have been unwilling to go as far in taking joint action as provided in a Canada-U.S.A. draft convention. The ICAO Council, however, has decided to convene this summer in Rome a diplomatic conference and simultaneous extraordinary ICAO Assembly, to consider proposals involving either