

In the complex structure of the world economy today, trade and aid are tightly linked. No amount of aid will create permanent, stable growth unless it is soon accompanied by developing means of increasing exports.

Accordingly, all the members of the United Nations - developed and developing economies alike - have a common interest in seeking two-way co-operation which will benefit giver and receiver alike.

The success of this and other similar efforts, essential for peace and prosperity in the world, will largely depend on freeing economic and technical co-operation from political controversy.

The Specialized Agencies, the functional and regional commissions, the other bodies dealing with economic and social problems, should be given the opportunity to concentrate on the special tasks which they were set up to perform. Recently, their work has been diverted and delayed by the injection of controversial political questions into their deliberations. There have been attempts to achieve political aims at the expense of the economic and social benefits which would accrue from the vigorous pursuit of the technical programmes. The recent crisis at the ILO governing body was a case in point. But it was only one of several which give cause for concern.

I believe that the Specialized Agencies and other functional bodies of the United Nations should leave political matters to the bodies designed and intended for political debate and decision; the General Assembly and the Security Council. If a moratorium on political controversy in the Specialized Agencies could be accepted by all concerned, it would enable those agencies to get on with their practical projects of co-operative assistance. The developing countries would have the most to gain from that result.

Some members directly concerned with certain political issues involving human rights and fundamental freedoms sincerely, indeed passionately, believe that their cases should be aired whenever and wherever the opportunity occurs. We can understand and fully appreciate the depth of feeling aroused by racial and colonial issues without accepting the wisdom or desirability of all the methods proposed for dealing with them.