

My Delegation supports this idea and commends it for sympathetic consideration by this Committee and by the Advisory Committee which should study it in detail and report to the Assembly. In this regard the Canadian Delegation hopes the Advisory Committee will carefully study all the operations of the European Office during the Committee's forthcoming visit there. Conferences and meetings and the publication of reports and documents are other areas which appear to lend themselves to budgetary planning and controls.

In particular, it would seem prudent, as an initial step in the rationalization of the conference programme, to postpone or eliminate those programmes and meetings which are not absolutely essential in 1964. In this connection it should be borne in mind that the preparatory committee established by Resolution 1844 has recommended that 1965 be designated as International Cooperation Year. Meetings within the whole United Nations family should fit into a coordinated pattern. My Delegation considers that it would be desirable to develop a pattern of conferences, perhaps through the establishment of budgetary ceilings, which would not only facilitate decision making at the appropriate states but which would also enable the Secretariat and member governments to prepare adequately for such meetings. It is for serious consideration whether there are some conferences and meetings of a limited international interest which might not more appropriately be financed under cost-sharing arrangements with participating member states, perhaps on a regional basis.

Some of the documents circulated under various items and a number of the previous speakers have touched upon reports of specific weaknesses in the financial and budgetary fields. Taken individually