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by the Canadian Representative, Mr. Donald S. Mac-  
donald, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Secre-  
tary of State for External Affairs, On Dec. 5, 1966.

I would like to express appreciation to Administrator, Mr. Hoffman, both for his remarks and for his leadership of a successful programme. May I also commend the Deputy Administrator, Mr. David Owen, and the other members of the management of UNDP for his and their contribution to success.

During the years since Mr. Hoffman first became the head of the Special Fund, we have learned to expect from him the type of clear, concise and informative statement he has given us this morning. What he has said provides a most useful survey of the progress the UNDP has made since the General Assembly created it one year ago from the former Special Fund and Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. We welcomed the indications the Administrator has provided of steps that have been taken or have been proposed to realize the full benefits of the consolidation of the two former programmes. Mr. Hoffman has told us how the management is endeavouring to put its own house in order so that it can offer the quality of leadership in project conception, implementation and follow-up which is essential to a successful programme.

Equally essential to a successful programme is leadership in the field as well as leadership at headquarters. We are gratified with the apparent progress that has been made in strengthening the central co-ordinating role of the Resident Representative. We note in particular that the former country representatives of the FAO will now be incorporated into the office of the Resident Representative and be directly under his authority. We shall want to say something more about the role of the Resident Representative when ECOSOC considers this important question at its next summer session.

My delegation would like to lay particular stress on the importance of meeting the goal of \$200 million for contributions in 1967. In terms of the yardstick referred to by Mr. Hoffman, namely the percentage contribution to the regular budget of the UN, my country has surpassed its target by way of contributions to the UNDP in each of the past two years, and in the current year by nearly double our target. We do not feel that we should be asked to go the extra mile, or