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CANADA'S VIEWS ON UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

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My country, Canada, is a member of the Economic and Social Council. I might have contented myself with renewing Canada's support for the decisions taken in the past year by the Economic and Social Council, which are reflected in the documents before us. I think, however, that I should explain something of the background to the positions on technical assistance problems which my delegation has taken in the past and will doubtless take in the future, and I should like to make a few suggestions on specific subjects.

In the first place, my delegation would like to pay tribute to the work of the Technical Assistance Committee under the distinguished chairmanship of Mr. Janos Stanovnik of Yugoslavia. The Technical Assistance Committee during 1957 has dealt expeditiously and fairly with a number of difficult problems and has made an important and constructive contribution to the development of United Nations technical assistance programmes. In this connection, special mention should be made of the work on the Committee of the six additional members elected in 1957 for two- or three-year periods: Czechoslovakia, India, the Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland and Venezuela.

The central problem facing the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations has been forcefully brought to our attention by Mr. David Owen, of the Technical Assistance Board, and by Dr. Keenleyside, of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration. This problem can briefly be stated as that of reconciling the increasing demands that are being made on the expanded programme of technical assistance with the resources which are not increasing and may even be decreasing.