

gees, the Special Committee on Co-ordination, the Council of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations and the *ad hoc* Working Group on Social Welfare.

### **The Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council**

Six of the seven Functional Commissions of ECOSOC held meetings in 1963. The Statistical Commission, which meets every two years, did not hold a meeting in 1963. During 1963, Canada was a member of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission on Human Rights, the Social Commission, and the Statistical Commission.

#### **Social Commission**

At its fifteenth session, which was held in New York from April 24 to May 10, the Social Commission reviewed the latest report on the World Social Situation, considered reports on housing problems, on the progress made in land reform, and on community development. It reviewed the activities of the United Nations in the social field during 1962-63 and examined a proposed programme of works for the biennium 1963-65.

The Commission adopted ten resolutions concerning social-development work in the regional Economic Commissions, the world social situation, planning for balanced economic and social development, the social consequences of disarmament, land reform, community development and social welfare within the programme of the United Nations Development Decade, and housing problems.

The value of the report on the World Social Situation was emphasized. Comments from delegates ranged from complete support of the approach and style of the report to suggestions that such a study should offer definite recommendations and not contain only analytical data. Appreciation was also expressed for the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which was scheduled to open in Geneva in January 1964.

#### **Commission on the Status of Women**

The Commission on the Status of Women held its seventeenth session in New York from March 11 to 29. The Commission noted with satisfaction the steady advancement made by women in the political, economic, and educational spheres. It was pointed out that much remained to be done and that emphasis should now be placed on the implementation and effective use of the rights granted to women.

The Commission revised its Draft Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age of Marriage and Registration of Marriage, to bring it more in line with the Convention on Marriage adopted in 1962 by the General Assembly. It discussed United Nations assistance for the advancement