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11. *Contributing to the institutional development of the United Nations as a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations*

During the commemorative session, the Canadian delegation led an initiative to rationalize and improve the procedures of the General Assembly. The Canadian resolution to set up a committee of 31 members to study the subject and report to the next Assembly session received wide co-sponsorship and support. In the Fifth Committee, Canada co-sponsored a resolution on the reactivation of the *ad hoc* committee of financial experts, on documentation and publications, and on the pattern of conferences. A Canadian proposal relating to the scope of the Secretariat salary review was also accepted.

An important feature of the twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations was agreement by the commemorative session on a final declaration, which was approved without a vote on October 24. This anniversary statement of United Nations work and aims almost failed to achieve agreement because of difficulties over sections concerning decolonization and *apartheid*. The Canadian compromise wording was accepted at the last minute and permitted a consensus to be achieved.