

continues to present problems - to which solutions must be found. This Committee is faced with constant reassessment of continually emerging problems in this respect. It must make responsible judgements as to the value or otherwise of the efforts being made. The Committee must guard very carefully that the directions that are followed do in fact produce significant improvement in the world social situation. Great gains have been made. But there are great distances left to go. The Canadian Government regards the topic under discussion, the World Social Situation, as perhaps the single most important topic that this Committee could discuss. To discover the means of alleviating the manifold problems to implement them is the greatest contribution to human kind that can be made. We regard the discussion of this item with the utmost seriousness.

Before commenting on specific items the Canadian Delegation would like to express its general approval of the Report of the Secretary-General. This report indicates quite clearly that considerable progress has been made during the last year in implementing ECOSOC Resolution 1139 (XLI) in essence constitutes a reappraisal of the role of the Social Commission - or as it is now named, the Commission for Social Development. The Report indicates too that there is progress towards other objectives set by the General Assembly in Resolution 2215 (XXI). My delegation is very much in accord with the directions that are being taken by the Commission for Social Development, in particular with the evident efforts towards coordination.

The Canadian delegation would like to express its very sincere approval and appreciation for the response on the part of the Commission at its 18th Session to the broad mandate given to it. We believe these efforts have been productive and are confident that as new ideas, new relationships and new procedures find acceptance in all relevant parts of the United Nations family, the Commission will be able to fulfill entirely the expanded role assigned to it. We wish to note particularly the closer liaison that is developing between the Commission, the Specialized Agencies and other operational bodies within the United Nations system. These strengthened and in some cases new relationships should facilitate the necessary integration of the formulation of development policy on the one hand, and program execution on the other. Canadian delegations have on many occasions urged just such integration of effort as now appears to be a real possibility. We believe that the disposition of financial resources available through the United Nations for development assistance should more accurately than it has hitherto done, reflect the inter-relationships between all aspects of development -- social, economic and cultural. Effective change and advance dictate a very real need to proceed on an integrated basis.

The Secretary-General's report notes the steps that have been taken to implement ECOSOC Resolution 1139 (XLI). Having already expressed general satisfaction with the progress that has been made I merely wish at this time to comment on two or three items which I believe warrant this Committee's attention. The decision taken by the Commission to examine the technical cooperation activities in the social field is most important. My delegation is in accord with the decision to have five