

lution on the activities of the Human Rights Commission, which would have the Economic and Social Council request the Commission on Human Rights "to give absolute priority to the preparation of a draft international convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination to be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its nineteenth session". The resolution was adopted on November 1 by 74 votes in favour, none against, with 19 abstentions.

Eighteen meetings were devoted by the Committee to the consideration of the other social and humanitarian problems covered in the report of the Economic and Social Council. Dealing first with the programme of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Committee gave its unanimous approval on November 5 to a resolution sponsored by Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Thailand, which called on governments to make full use of the facilities offered them by UNICEF in meeting the needs of children and youth and, to this end, invited member states to continue to contribute as much as they could to its worthwhile programme.

Speaking on the subject in the Committee's general debate on the Report of the Economic and Social Council, the representative of Canada, Mrs. Margaret Konantz, remarked:

UNICEF has played a most important role in community development and at a period when requests for assistance are rising so dramatically it seems to us a matter of great importance that one member of the United Nations family has its aim focused at all times on the needs of the child. We are particularly pleased that UNICEF in its programmes for children, including community development, has been working in close co-operation with the Specialized Agencies.

My Government has always been most impressed by the encouraging support received by UNICEF everywhere, both through voluntary agencies and governmental contributions. In Canada, for example, the Canadian Committee for UNICEF last year raised more than half a million dollars for UNICEF through the sale of greeting cards, Halloween for UNICEF Campaign, and voluntary contributions. We hope that the enthusiasm for UNICEF will continue to increase.

The Committee completed its consideration of the report of the Economic and Social Council on November 6, with the adoption of seven resolutions, six of which were given unanimous approval:

A four-power resolution requesting the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning of the Economic and Social Council to adopt emergency measures to increase construction in the United Nations Development Decade;

a six-power resolution requesting the Secretary-General to present a report on new developments in the law and practice concerning capital punishment to the twenty-second session of the General Assembly;

a 32-power resolution requesting the Economic and Social Council to bear in mind the principle of equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the Commission on Human Rights and, in particular, the necessity of having Africa equitably represented thereon;

an 18-power resolution, amended by Tunisia, that would request the Economic and Social Council member states of the United Nations and the Secretary-General to prepare a work programme for social development in the