

My delegation is glad to see that the Secretariat will undertake surveys to determine the role played by women in public life. Of primary importance for the advancement of women in developing countries is the need for educational and vocational training. My Government considers that it is most desirable that a long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women should be further developed as an integral part of existing technical assistance, rather than as a separate programme. At the same time, all United Nations programmes for women should be coordinated in the United Nations.

My delegation wishes to express its appreciation for the work undertaken by the Secretariat in population research. Many of these studies will constitute useful material for the Second World Population Conference which will take place in 1965. While my Government's position is that each country should be left to decide by itself population policies, we do not under-estimate the necessity of carrying on scientific research on this most important problem.

As we did last year, my Government would like to make a few remarks about the Single Convention on Narcotic drugs. Although the report of the Eighteenth Session of the Narcotics Commission does not contain a resolution as it did last year urging governments to ratify the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, this should in no way be regarded as an indication that the view of the Narcotics Commission with respect to the Single Convention has changed. On the contrary at the Eighteenth Session a great many countries indicated that they were considering ratifying the convention.

The 1961 Convention not only climaxes fifty years of experience in the field of international narcotics control but was the result of many years of careful planning. It reflects the views and experience of many countries that are most qualified to deal with this important but complicated subject. It would bring to an end the present unsatisfactory situation whereby the field of international narcotics control is occupied by some nine multilateral treaties not uniformly