

important field of interest. We welcome the decision to increase the membership of the Commission to 18, which will permit a more balanced and proportionate representation, particularly as regards the newly independent African nations. In resolution 320.B, the Secretary-General is asked to provide such technical assistance as may be necessary. Canada is already providing educational and technical training to students from the less developed countries - in this academic year there are more than 650 foreign and Commonwealth students at Canadian universities financed by funds from Canada's External aid programmes. In addition some ten and one-half million dollars is to be spent over a three-year period as special Commonwealth aid to Africa. Three hundred thousand dollars a year is to be spent to provide educational assistance to the French speaking states of Africa.

Canada was one of the founder members of UNICEF, has participated actively in its development over the years and Canadians continue to have the keenest interest in its programmes. My delegation is particularly pleased to be one of the co-sponsors of the resolution, the text of which is contained in document L.957, which endorses the new emphasis and approach that was so lucidly explained to us by the Chairman of the Board in his able and convincing address to the Committee. UNICEF has been especially happy in the high calibre of those whom it has attracted to its service. The story of UNICEF is a moving one. Year by year it has extended its services to the children of many countries, conducted surveys on their needs, improved their diet and brought hope to those who might otherwise have known only despair and apathy. UNICEF has frequently co-ordinated its programmes with those of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and we are pleased that this aspect of its work is to be made still more fruitful. The number of organizations now working in the aid field has made co-ordination even more essential than it once