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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN

Statement by Mr. J. H. Green, Canadian Representative
on the Third (Social, Administrative and Cultural)
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Report of the Commission on World Development

Mr. Chairman:

Over the past week, we have heard many speakers representing the various social, economic and political systems of the world discussing those parts of the General and Social Council report of vital interest to them. Those of us who are new to the Commission have not failed to be impressed by the magnitude of the social, human, administrative and cultural problems facing the United Nations which has been revealed in these statements.

In relation to the report which you have made for speakers to be heard, I shall mention a number of a few salient points in the report. In existing relations to many areas, my intention is not, of course, to minimize their importance.

The distinguished delegates who have presented us have, rightly I think, singled out the work of the Commission for special attention in their remarks. The report on UNICEF activities serves to point up UNICEF's dynamic and ever increasing role in order to meet the emergency needs of children in war-devastated countries. It has evolved into an agency assisting governments to develop treatment, health, nutrition and welfare services for children in order to combat diseases to which children are particularly susceptible. It has recently had its mandate extended to include projects providing social services for children and has put increased emphasis on training programmes. At the same time it has continued to respond promptly and effectively to needs for emergency relief.