

future years should be of great assistance in rationalizing the United Nations conference programme.

My delegation would like to draw attention in particular to the comment of the Committee in paragraph 23 of its report that it "can envisage a situation in which a regular session of a main organ may have to be postponed in order to ensure that a special conference scheduled at the same time may not suffer through lack of resources or facilities". The Committee goes on to say that "it is only by proceeding in this manner and adhering to an order of priority that the conference resources available to the United Nations may be allocated to the most pressing needs." My delegation strongly supports this point of view. We fully recognize the difficulties inherent in attempting to establish an order of priorities amongst meetings and conferences, but we regard it as important that the Committee, nonetheless, attempt to do so in order that conference facilities will be deployed so as to meet the most important tasks first. Under such a scheme the timing of conferences and meetings of lesser importance would depend on the availability of conference resources at any particular time and in any given year.

I would also like to express my delegation's concern that close attention be paid by the Committee both to the location and dates of individual meetings and conferences to avoid unnecessary bunching in the conference programme and corresponding pressure on conference resources. In this regard, we wish to affirm our support for the Committee's statement in paragraph 20 that while it is within the competence of various organs