

has the potential to play a vital role in the implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee relating to programme formulation, evaluation and co-ordination. We were encouraged in this regard by the observations and recommendations of the majority of members of this Committee on the subjects of long-term planning and programme formulation in paragraphs 41 to 45 of the Committee's report on the first part of its first session. I refer to document E/4383.

My delegation is also encouraged by the request of the Economic and Social Council in E/RES/1264 of its 43rd Session that its subsidiary bodies attempt to reduce their total meeting time and documentation, that they attempt to rationalize the system of subsidiary economic and social bodies and that they draw up, where they have not already done so, long-range programmes of work containing clear indications of the priorities amongst various projects. Rigorous attention to these requests of the Economic and Social Council by its subsidiary bodies will be of considerable assistance in the successful implementation of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations.

Implementation of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) should from time to time review the administrative and management procedures of the specialized agencies is also a matter of great interest to us. We look forward, therefore, to considering the ACABQ's report on the administrative and management procedures of UNESCO in this Committee.

According to paragraph 9 of the Secretary-General's latest report on the implementation of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations (A/6803), the various United Nations agencies have arranged to meet later in the year, to take steps towards greater standardization of nomenclature in budget documents and in financial regulations and rules. This determination to implement the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee of 14 in paragraph 59 of its second report is to be commended.

My delegation also wishes to commend the Secretary-General and his staff for the number of useful changes they have introduced in the presentation of the 1968 budget estimates, which the Secretary-General has said represent "a first systematic step towards the long-term study recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on the possible standardization of budget presentations." We welcome the Secretary-General's new distribution of expenses under Section 3 of the budget by major organizational units within