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Note: The text of the resolution adopted by the Committee and the results of the voting are included at the end of the statement.

My delegation is pleased to note that the speakers in the general debate on technical assistance almost without exception have stressed the great value of United Nations activities in this field. It is evident from the statements we have heard that few efforts at international co-operation in the economic field have been so effective or have commanded such wide support as the regular programmes of technical assistance and the Expanded Programme. My delegation, Mr. Chairman, believes that these programmes, as well as those under the Colombo Plan, are of the greatest importance and that the exchanges of technical skills which they promote are making a positive and fruitful contribution towards the improvement of living standards throughout the world.

Canada's continuing support for United Nations Technical Assistance activities was demonstrated in a concrete way last February when the Canadian Parliament approved a contribution of \$1,500,000 for this year's programme. This contribution - exceeded only by those of the United States and the United Kingdom - was almost double the Canadian contribution for 1953; it was authorized after a debate in which the spokesmen of all political parties stressed the value of Canadian participation in Technical Assistance. For the coming year it is the intention of the Canadian Government to seek again Parliamentary approval of a contribution of \$1,500,000 to the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. An offer of this size by Canada is of course based on the assumption that contributions of other countries will be on a scale which would permit of an effective programme.

It is with satisfaction, Mr. Chairman, that my Delegation notes the increasing administrative efficiency of the technical assistance programmes, and the interest which all concerned are evincing in further steps to achieve this efficiency. We welcome in particular the evidence of improved co-ordination between the agencies concerned with the