

difficult issues -- those relating to establishment, direction and control, financing, and legal arrangements -- remain to be completed when the working group resumes its meetings in 1970. The working group also hopes in due course to begin its study of the second "model", which will deal with UN peacekeeping forces.

At its twenty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted a resolution asking the Special Committee of 33 to continue its work and to submit to the twenty-fifth session a complete study on UN military observers set up under Security Council authority, as well as a progress report on its work on other "models" for UN peacekeeping operations.

Human Rights and Social Questions

In 1969, Canada was active in the field of human rights, especially at the International Conference of the Red Cross held in Istanbul in September. (1)

The Third Committee of the United Nations during the twenty-fourth session devoted a major part of its time to elaborating Part II (Objectives) and Part III (Means and Methods) of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, the Preamble and Part I (Principles) having been adopted at the twenty-third session. The draft declaration as finally adopted will be of considerable importance in the elaboration of the international strategy for the Second Development Decade. It should also be of value to all governments, as it establishes a number of basic principles concerning social progress and different means to attain such development without attempting to set out a general order of priorities. Each government decides in the light of its own circumstances what is most important for its own development and progress.

The Third Committee also debated the problems of youth and its participation in national development. These discussions were related especially to the Second Development Decade, and called for an increased participation of youth in the work of the United Nations. The possibility of creating an international volunteer corps for development was considered, as well as the convening of a youth assembly during the celebrations of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

The item on respect for human rights in armed conflicts was not, because of shortage of time, discussed in the Third Committee. Similarly, the item on the creation of the post of High Commissioner for Human Rights, which continues to lack the support of the socialist countries and the Arab states, was not raised, although it was agreed this question would be given the highest priority at the twenty-fifth session.

Canada's role in the Statistical Commission, the Narcotic Drug Commission and the Commission on Social Development continued to be one of active support. During the year, Canada was elected to the Commission on the Status of Women and will take part in the meeting to be held in Geneva in 1970. Canada continues to be a major contributor to the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund, the United Nations Rehabilitation and Works Agency and the programs of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

(1) This item has been dealt with separately on Page 5