

Zealand, confined ourselves to suggestions to governments about what they might consider doing to overcome some of the internal problems which tend to impede smooth and rapid recruiting. The resolution does not address itself to the authorities administering United Nations programmes on their role in the development and refinement of programmes capable of meeting changing and expanding demands.

Furthermore, the resolution does not deal with the extent of the financial resources provided for United Nations programmes of technical assistance, nor with their expansion. We have already dealt with a number of resolutions at this Session bearing on those aspects of the matter, and we do not consider it relevant to the aims of resolution L.532 to introduce them again. The resolution is intended to contribute to the overcoming of recruitment difficulties which would continue to exist regardless of the size of the United Nations programmes for which recruitment was taking place unless appropriate measures were taken to resolve them.

The resolution's objectives are severely practical and are deliberately limited since we believe that the setting and attainment of limited objectives are in this case likely to produce more satisfactory tangible consequences than would a more elaborate set of broader proposals.

I turn now, Mr. Chairman, to the specific terms of the resolution. The first two preambular paragraphs refer to the recruiting situation as it now exists and as it is expected to develop not only in relation to United Nations technical assistance programmes generally, but also in relation to the needs of the Trust Territories and of the newly independent states.

The report of the Committee on Programme Appraisals of ECOSOC (Document E/3347/Rev. 1, para. 372), and the Secretary-General's report on opportunities for International Co-operation on behalf of Trust Territories and Newly-Independent States (Document A/4585, para, 26), summarize the points which I have made in my general comments.

Preambular paragraph 3 cites the value of promptness in ~~recruiting~~ and paragraph 4 the possibility of action by governments to place themselves in a better position to meet the growing demand for experts.

Operative paragraph 1 urges member governments to support and assist the efforts now being made by the United Nations and its related agencies to recruit experts.