

In one of his last reports to the Assembly, the Secretary General proposed a substantial reduction in the amount of funds required to undertake what the Economic and Social Council had recommended. In this report the late Secretary General described his plan to arrange the work which had been entrusted to him in such a way that the financial burden on all member states was lessened.

I should like to commend all those who worked with the Secretary General to achieve this plan and to express the conviction that the Secretariat will always be ready to suggest to member states ways by which their decisions can be carried out in the most efficient way with the least expenditure of funds.

In our country we have a saying that a good speech should be like a woman's dress - long enough to cover the subject but short enough to be interesting.

I am afraid that perhaps I have not paid sufficient attention to this story in the course of my remarks, but in concluding may I express the hope that the distinguished delegates comprising this committee will keep this in mind when we discuss the important and sometimes contentious issues that lie before us.