

Canadian delegations over the years have consistently urged upon UNESCO the necessity of concentrating its resources, of establishing firm and workable priorities for programmes, and of putting them into effect with a reasonable regard for economy. In view of the very considerable resources which it seems likely will be made available to UNESCO through the Special Fund and through the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, we trust that there may be found considerable support for the view that the technical assistance programmes of UNESCO should now be considered with the greatest care, so that these principles of concentration, of priorities, and of economy may be held in due regard.

Cause for Concern

I must confess that we find it somewhat disturbing to know that the various Specialized Agencies which draw very substantially from the Special Fund and from the Expanded Programme should be at the same time financing a growing number of technical assistance programmes through their own budgets. What gives Canada, and this delegation in particular, some concern has been the consistent increases in budgets of the Specialized Agencies while at the same time Canada, and other countries of course, have been increasing substantially their contributions to the Special Fund, the Expanded Programme and to other centralized agencies. For example, the Canadian subscriptions to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund were recently more than doubled. The Canadian Parliament has approved Canadian membership in the International Development Association to provide capital to the less-developed countries. Canada will subscribe \$37.85 million to the International Development Association; and Canada is also contributing \$2 million, as the fifth largest contributor to the Special Fund, and a further \$2 million to the Expanded Programme as the third largest contributor. Continued support by governments for United Nations aid programmes will depend to an important extent on the ability of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies to administer the funds made available to them in a rational and efficient way. It is the Canadian view that a rational and efficient system of administration is more likely to be developed if the aid funds made available to the United Nations are channeled through centralized agencies.

Although, therefore, the Canadian delegation supports the provisional budget level approved by the conference we, and no doubt many others, propose to examine both in detail and in principle certain of the proposals which have been laid before us. It is certainly true that the great majority of UNESCO's proposals have commended and do commend themselves to the approval of the Canadian Government. This does not alter the fact that, with steadily increasing commitments to United Nations funds and to the budgets of Specialized Agencies, many national governments, including that of Canada, will have to consider very carefully their views on the most effective methods in which their funds available for international purposes can be expended.