

effective instrument for considering the manifold aspects of trade and development problems and promoting practical solutions. We appreciate the impatience of developing countries about the slow progress in UNCTAD towards concrete achievements. In part this is attributable to the inevitable organizational problems which must be overcome in establishing new machinery of this kind. But beyond this, we must recognize that there are basic differences of views and interests regarding the role of UNCTAD and the solutions to the complex problems of trade and development. If UNCTAD is to be a success, there is an urgent need to focus attention on substantive rather than procedural questions and to concentrate efforts on areas in which UNCTAD appears capable of making a positive contribution.

An important ingredient in expanding trade will be a broadened industrial base in developing regions. The establishment of UNCTAD has thus lent new importance to the activities of the United Nations in the field of industrial development. Since this Committee last met, the Economic and Social Council, on the recommendation of the Committee for Industrial Development, has adopted a series of resolutions aimed at intensifying and improving the overall United Nations effort in the field of industrialization. UNCTAD has also made certain recommendations, which stress the urgent need for accelerating the establishment in developing countries of industries with an export potential. The net effect has been two-fold. First, the Centre for Industrial Development has been asked to expand its activities greatly. Secondly, there has been clear and unanimous recognition of the need for adequate financial resources to be made available to the Centre. Among other things, this should permit a rapid expansion to 200 professional staff over the next three years, a goal which seems essential if the full range of activities in the industrial field is to be carried out. It is for this reason that Canada strongly supports the draft resolutions recommended by ECOSOC calling for a substantial expansion in the resources of the Centre. Over and above this, we will shortly receive a report from the Secretary General on how additional voluntary financing for industrial development might be utilized within the framework of the United Nations Development Programme. This would ensure a further substantial increase in the funds available for industrial development to be used up as projects are approved and new staff are recruited. Given these additional resources, both assessed and voluntary, the Centre for Industrial Development will for the first time be able to organize its future work systematically and plan programmes on a long-term basis. Differences of opinion as to the most desirable form of organization should be set aside in the interests of advancing