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The Canadian delegation would like to thank the Advisory Committee for its report A/6522 which, in our view, provides a comprehensive and perceptive analysis of the complexities involved in programming and administering the development activities of the United Nations system of organizations. In general, my delegation agrees with the recommendations and the particular considerations which are emphasized in the report. Of particular value, in our view, is Part II, dealing with "Inter-Organization Administrative Co-ordination," which is a valuable supplement to the related questions analyzed in the Second Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Experts. We would hope to see this Part continued and even expanded in future years in keeping with the growing emphasis in the United Nations on co-ordination and evaluation. As the Advisory Committee suggests in paragraph 7 of its report, it would be useful if this Part were issued separately in the future to allow more time for member states to study it.

The Advisory Committee's comments in Part II re-enforce our belief that the United Nations system is undergoing a considerable shift in carrying out international co-operation in the fields of economic and social development. The United Nations' first twenty years were taken up, in large part, by tasks of institution-building and ad hoc experimentation. In contrast, the important tasks now appear to be (a) to use the various institutions in a consolidated and coordinated endeavour emphasizing the multi-agency approach to major programmes and making a reality of the phrase "United Nations system of organizations"; and (b) to supervise the operation of the existing international machinery on the basis of results achieved which, necessarily, requires the continuing evaluation of projects, programmes and techniques. We would predict that the next decade will witness a new emphasis upon modification and re-organization of existing institutions rather than upon the creation of new operational **entities** and that the United Nations will be confronted with the less dramatic but more arduous job of making the United Nations system work cohesively and to maximum benefit. The immediate requirement, therefore, will be for a steadily-increasing flow of information on the results attained to date under existing efforts and for a continuing appraisal of techniques and programme priorities. Viewed in this context, the Advisory Committee's appraisal of Inter-organization Administrative Coordination is of considerable importance and merits close study.