

adopting a long, confusing, legalistic document, we may just produce another text which will collect dust in public libraries. I share the views previously expressed by some members of this Committee that our purpose is not to set detailed child welfare standards or bless particular social policies. Our purpose is to contribute, if we can, to the improvement and strengthening of the status of children around the world.

We hope a declaration of the kind I have just mentioned will secure general approval. We, for our part, shall be pleased to consider with sympathy any proposal designed to facilitate the adoption of such a text.