

MY DELEGATION HAS NO MAGIC ANSWERS TO THESE DIFFICULTIES. NOR DO WE BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSION ALONE CAN SOLVE PROBLEMS WHICH ARE INEVITABLY WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF STATES PARTIES AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BUT THE COMMISSION IS THE LOGICAL STARTING POINT FOR DISCUSSION. WE BELIEVE THAT, BASED ON THE USEFUL REPORT OF THE MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF TREATY-BASED MONITORING BODIES, A BEGINNING CAN BE MADE. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, CANADA AMONG THEM, IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS BY MEANS OF AN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP, BEGINNING AT THE NEXT SESSION, WITH THE IDEA OF REVIEWING A RANGE OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. IN THIS WAY WE CAN, IN A RELATIVELY INFORMAL AND RELAXED ENVIRONMENT, ANALYZE THE PROBLEMS AND COME TO GRIPS WITH POSSIBLE REMEDIAL MEASURES.

A SECOND THEME OF INTEREST TO CANADA IS THE WORLD INFORMATION CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. OUR INTERESTS IN THIS TOPIC ARE BROAD, BUT TODAY WE WISH TO FOCUS ON ONLY A COUPLE OF SUB-TOPICS, SOME OF WHICH WERE ADDRESSED IN THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OPENING REMARKS.

FIRST, MY DELEGATION IS PLEASED THAT THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR HAS BEEN INFORMALLY CONSULTED CONCERNING THE CONTOURS OF THE WORLD CAMPAIGN. WE REGARD THE NGO SECTOR AS CRUCIAL TO ITS EVENTUAL SUCCESS, SINCE NGOS WILL EVENTUALLY