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specialized expert bodies set up to address themselves directly and expressly to those economic and social problems which seem susceptible of international solution. Starting with the Functional Commissions, we have elaborated and refined this network within the United Nations itself to Committee for Industrial Development, the Advisory Committee on Science and No. 65/1 Review and Re-Appraisal of the Role and Functions

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After six years absence it requires a certain temerity to return to the records. Canada After six years absence it requires a certain tending. Canada to the ECOSOC stage to comment on the Council's role and functions. Canada has been suit stage to comment of the Council's developments during a period has been out of the mainstream of the Council's developments during a period in which the council's developments during a period in which the whole structure of United Nations efforts directed towards economic and social development have changed beyond recall.

The review and reappraisal of the role and functions of ECOSOC now before us is one of the most important and most difficult items on our agenda this year. this year. We have no grand plan, nor even specific proposals to offer at this stage. Indeed I think it would be ill-judged to do so because this is a subject which a subject which, more than most, will benefit by a preliminary and frank exchange of exchange of views. Any action which may flow from our debates here must emerge as the emerge as the consensus of all the representatives around this table acting in the integral of the consensus of all the representatives around this table acting the integral of the integral of the consensus of all the representatives around this table acting the consensus will emerge in the interests of the entire organization. No such consensus will emerge if we do not be the entire organization and exchange suggestions if we do not first probe each other's thinking and exchange suggestions offered with offered with no commitment beyond the belief that they might possibly point the way to the way to constructive revision and change. It is in this sense of thinking out loud to Out loud that I make the following tentative comments. They represent the accumulate in the council's work accumulated impressions of a country which has followed the Council's work with interwith intense interest since the United Nations began but which, for the past six years six years, has witnessed its operations from the sidelines.

Every organization, every human enterprise, must stop periodically to take stock of the work it has done and the work it was set up to do.

Otherwise Otherwise it runs the risk of becoming stagnant or, even worse, superfluous to the same to to the society in which it exists. The immediate need to review and reappraise the work of the society in which it exists. the work of the Council has arisen not only because of the passage of time.

To a contain To a certain extent it is an inevitable result of Our collective decision to establish establish as an organ of the General Assembly the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. This is perhaps the most important decision the United Nations has talk assembly the most important decision the United Irade and Development. This is perhaps the most important decision the United Nations has talk assemble field in recent years. In our view, UNCTAD's Nations has taken in the economic field in recent years. In our view, UNCTAD's establishment will have an effect on ECOSOC's role and methods in the light of be beneficial. If we do not revise ECOSOC's role and methods in the light of UNCTAD's UNCTAD's establishment, we shall be shortsighted indeed.