

QUESTION 4

*What lines of emphasis do you think should be given to the efforts to find solutions to these problems, taking into account recent developments in international affairs?*

There is danger, for purposes of Medium-Term Planning, in linking the finding of solutions to the descriptions of world problems. While it is perhaps useful to analyse world problems in preparation to the elaboration of a plan of action, it seems that such an analysis can only serve as general background against which to draw up a plan. It should not serve as a direct point of departure for the choice of medium-term objectives.

Canada would therefore suggest that the second Medium-Term Plan avoid addressing such broad questions as finding solutions to world problems. One can only address the question of efforts to be made to improve the common welfare of mankind within a certain time frame. Such an approach will certainly lead to more pragmatic planning, better suited to Unesco's relatively modest means. It will also avoid the risk of dispersing the organization's efforts in a futile attempt to deal with all world problems.