

MR. PRESIDENT,

I ADD MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION TO THOSE EXPRESSED BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, AND HOPE THAT YOUR PRESIDENCY WILL BE ONE OF SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS.

MR. DIRECTOR GENERAL AND DELEGATES, I HAVE THE HONOUR OF SPEAKING TO YOU, WHEREAS IN NEW YORK, THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARE COMMEMORATING UNITED NATIONS DAY IN VARIOUS WAYS. THIS YEAR, IT IS CANADA'S PRIVILEGE TO ARRANGE THE CELEBRATIONS FOR U. N. DAY. CANADA'S GOVERNOR GENERAL AND THE MONTREAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ARE AT U. N. HEADQUARTERS, IN NEW YORK, ON THIS OCCASION.

MR. PRESIDENT, CANADA HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF UNESCO SINCE THE ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1946. CANADA IS A MEMBER OF UNESCO BECAUSE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IT FEELS A RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK FOR PEACE, AND ALSO BECAUSE IT SEES THE ENORMOUS TASK THAT LIES AHEAD IF WE ARE TO MEET THE ASPIRATIONS BOTH PROFOUND AND ORDINARY OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLES FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND THEIR WELFARE. CANADA IS A MEMBER OF UNESCO BECAUSE IT BELIEVES THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAMS IN THE REALMS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE NEEDED. IN UNESCO, CANADA HAS A STRONG SENSE OF SERVING A NOBLE CONCEPT AND A CAUSE OF THE HIGHEST DIGNITY.

AS A UNESCO MEMBER, CANADA HAS DECIDED TO BECOME MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES BY PRESENTING A HIGHLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR A SEAT ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

MR. PRESIDENT, AS A COUNTRY OF CONTINENTAL SIZE, CANADA ASCRIBES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES IN THE REALM OF NATURAL SCIENCE. WE ARE INTERESTED NOTABLY IN THE MAN AND BIOSPHERE PROGRAM AND IN THE ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMER, CANADA HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ESTABLISHING FIVE BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD NETWORK CREATED BY UNESCO. THIS VAST INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM IS A CONCRETE APPLICATION OF THE CONCEPT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. IT THUS CONTRIBUTES TOWARD IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BRUNDTLAND COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD CONSERVATION STRATEGY.

STILL IN THE SCIENTIFIC SECTOR, I WOULD EMPHASIZE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT WE ASCRIBE TO THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION, AND THAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL HYDROLOGICAL PROGRAM.

CANADA PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN WRITING THE CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE. THE COUNTRIES SUBSCRIBING TO THIS UNESCO INSTRUMENT NUMBER 111. CANADA HAS THUS ASSOCIATED