

I have dwelt on the role played by the voluntary groups of private citizens not merely because, in financial terms, they have contributed the most to World Refugee Year but because I think the part they have played represents a major advance for the United Nations and the high purpose of international co-operation which animates this organization. As a result of the general public's direct participation in this United Nations initiative, the lives of millions, both donors and beneficiaries, have been enriched by a closer sense of fellowship. I have no doubt that World Refugee Year has marked the beginning of a continuing and greater interest on the part of the general public in the humanitarian activities of the United Nations.

In concluding, I should like on behalf of the Canadian delegation to commend the Secretary-General for the report which he has submitted on World Refugee Year. We appreciate that World Refugee Year has added to the already heavy burden of his office. His report leads me to believe that he has gladly taken on these additional activities in the great humanitarian spirit which has always animated him in the past. For this we warmly thank him.

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