

(3) A number of suggestions have been made for improving the use of experts under the expanded programme. The Netherlands practice of providing junior experts to assist senior experts is certainly worthy of further study. Similarly, it is clear, as our Mexican colleague has suggested, that short-term experts uninformed concerning the general economic and cultural condition of the country they are trying to assist cannot be very successful. Dr. Keenleyside's initiative in promoting the use of short-term high-level experts for particular projects on the other hand is well worth our support. It will be interesting to see how this proposal develops.

(4) The Canadian Delegation takes a position on the out-posting of programme officers of the UNTAA very similar to that of the Netherlands Delegation. In general, the Canadian authorities consider that it would not be desirable to establish regional technical assistance administrations. We have great respect for the advances in administrative efficiency which have been made under the direction of Mr. Owen and Dr. Keenleyside. We believe these advances can be continued. We are not sure, however, that the answer to current administrative problems is the creation of regional headquarters with much the same functions as United Nations headquarters. In the meantime, however, it is clear that there are advantages in continuing the present experiment in Latin America until its usefulness can be assessed.

(5) The Canadian Delegation believes that there should be a continuance of the current evaluation practices. Without these it will not be possible to discover what changes should be made in the operations of the Expanded Programme.

(6) Another major problem before the Technical Assistance Commission and the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly is that connected with the administrative and operational costs of the Expanded Programme and how they are to be met. The Canadian Delegation hopes that some over-all solution to this problem can be found, and that in the meantime no hasty action by any particular specialized agency will be taken which might make it difficult to arrive at a final decision.

(7) My delegation was most interested by Dr. Keenleyside's and by Mr. Owen's emphasis on the usefulness of the United Nations in providing help in the field of public administration. We look forward to further study of the Secretary-General's proposal for the provision of administrators to be employed in national administrations. It may well be that a useful new type of technical assistance programme will emerge from this consideration.

(8) Finally, my delegation would strongly support the position taken by the French Delegation that it is undesirable for ECOSOC or the General Assembly to pass resolutions concerning technical assistance for a particular country. It has