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Mr. Chairman,

Chapters VIII and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council, which have been assigned to this Committee, contain substantial food for thought. Some sections of this report will be examined later by this Committee under separate items of our agenda. Since detailed comments on the remaining sections would require considerable time, I propose at this time to offer the views of my Delegation only on those aspects of the United Nations work in the social field which are of particular interest to my Government.

Along with the delegations of Afghanistan, Denmark, Morocco, Thailand and Yugoslavia, we have tabled the draft resolution contained in Document A/C3/L995. I should like to explain briefly why my Delegation believes this resolution to be important.

The 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs represents many years of careful and patient work by experts in the field of international narcotic control and it reflects their experience in this complicated area. Some 73 countries took part in the conference which drafted this Convention and 64 of those countries have signed it. It must therefore be considered as representing a large measure of common agreement.