

Nations discharges in its institutional capacity should be fully exploited; and, as the distinguished representatives of Iran and Venezuela have mentioned already, detailed attention should be given to ways and means of enlisting the cooperation of educational institutions, learned societies, foundations, non-governmental organizations, artistic groups and so forth; and of inducing all of them to develop programmes of study in this area. The energies and resources of the academic community should be enlisted more fully than in the past. They should be brought in in a very big way for purposes of research, inquiry and popularization of the ideals of human rights. These institutions can provide a steady flow of significant ideas, without which advances on the practical level become difficult, if not impossible, to achieve, and their potential contribution should not go unnoticed. Additional conferences of educators and experts in the communications media, are surely worth considering.

These, Sir, are a few of the ideas that are representative of the thinking of my delegation in regard to the matter at hand. We have no illusions about their completeness, much less their perfection. We know that every delegation here could add to this list in a useful and constructive manner; and we are conscious of the fact that even those items which we have put forward may have to be improved upon as our programme takes shape. We have made these suggestions, however, simply for what they are worth, and in a spirit of open cooperation. We will, of course, be prepared to discuss them in detail as, if, and when our colleagues may wish to do so.

In the view of the Canadian delegation it would be unwise for any of us to expect startling new progress in this highly sensitive and complicated field of human relations. But we believe that there is reason to think that new enthusiasms and energies--harnessed to the requirements of the situation--rather than timid hesitations will deepen our understanding and awareness, and lead us to new insights in the continuing task of crystallizing and promoting the effectiveness of our human rights programme on as wide a basis as possible.