

donor to UNDP, UNICEF, WFP and other UN bodies that provide technical assistance to developing countries, Canada is concerned that these programs function as effectively as possible. In addition, Mr. Rousseau spoke about the work of the World Food Council which will hold its next meeting in Ottawa in September 1979. Here are extracts from Ambassador Rousseau's statement.

Canada is continuing to give energetic support to the operational activities for development within the United Nations system, because they constitute one of the most direct ways of putting the ideas and principles expressed in this chamber into decisive and realistic action. The annual debate on this item should always constitute a new milestone in our struggle to establish world standards of human dignity.

UNDP

The Twenty-fifth Session of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Governing Council reflected the period of consolidation which has taken place since the financial crises. At the beginning of this speech, my delegation wishes to express its satisfaction with the numerous measures adopted by the Administrator in order to reinforce the Program. My government considers the issue of program quality and efficient use of resources to be fundamental; that is why we hope that a serious and sweeping document will be produced on this subject, so that the Council and the member governments can: (a) satisfactorily carry out their responsibilities relating to resources and UNDP development objectives; (b) reinforce the key role played by the UNDP as a co-ordinator of technical assistance, both within the United Nations development system and through contacts with other multilateral and bilateral aid organizations; (c) benefit from the experience of the UNDP in development assistance and improve their own development programs, whether as donor or recipient countries.

UNICEF

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has a special place in Canadian hearts. Besides carrying out efficiently development aid projects of direct benefit to children, UNICEF has, both within the United Nations system and throughout the world, been a promoter of the necessity of putting children first in our development efforts. In another connection, the contribution made by this organization to the preparation and follow-up of the International Conference on Primary Health Care held in the Soviet Union in September, is first-hand evidence of this leadership role. The conference was an opportunity for the international community to better grasp the concept of primary health care and to become more aware of the necessity of supporting national programs in this field on a world scale. We also wish to express our gratitude to UNICEF for the support given to non-governmental organizations, and more especially to the Canadian Public Health Association as well as to the World Federation of Public Health Associations. The work of UNICEF as a "guiding spirit" of the International Year of the Child is further evidence of the dynamic role it assumes in helping children. Certainly the International Year of the Child will have significant consequences for all countries, but it should also serve to focus the attention of the international community on the ways of significantly improving the basic services offered to children.