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DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Statement by Canadian Representative

Mr. Chairman,

It seems to my delegation that this Committee has no useful function to perform at this stage with regard to the proposed United Nations survey programme of natural resources. Indeed, it might be argued that this item should not have appeared on the agenda of our Committee since the only question which ECOSOC recommended for consideration to the twenty-second session of the General Assembly concerns the financing of the proposed programme. The final operative paragraph of ECOSOC resolution 1218 (XLII) suggested that this session of the General Assembly might review the question of financing. We understand that the Fifth Committee is now engaged in reviewing the role that regular budget funds might play in the preparatory work for the survey programme.

With regard to the substantive aspects of the proposed programme, the Ad Hoc Committee established by ECOSOC in resolution 1218 (XLII) is meeting this month to decide how it wishes to see the preparatory work go forward. The Ad Hoc Committee will make its recommendations to ECOSOC not later than its forty-fourth session next May. There is, accordingly, no role that we can imagine this Committee playing at this stage and, therefore, we would suggest that the Second Committee simply take note of the Secretary-General's report in document E/4302 and of the interesting statement just made by the distinguished Under-Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.