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Closing this session, the Chairman thanked all speakers for their contributions, which were followed with much interest. Sophisticated methods and processes in the design and construction of developmental activities, specially to cover social and economic needs, should not be the domain of industrialized societies only. They should also belong to the developing section of the world which is perhaps even in a greater need of these up-to-date methods in view of their limited resources.

To use these methods for the developing countries, we must modify and update our thinking on the methods of design for these countries. The attitude of the technical participants towards their counterparts in the developing countries must not be one of condescension. They must consider their contribution a challenge to better the lot of the developing countries and their efforts a joint-venture with their local counterparts towards these common goals.

The following will provide some guide-lines in this direction:

- Investigate local conditions thoroughly to ascertain the true-needs, constraints as well as possibilities of the countries concerned,
- Tailor the design as far as possible to existing local construction practices in conjunction with the imported advanced construction techniques. In other words: thorough planning of the design to take into consideration local bidding and construction practice is essential,
- Involvement with construction planning, execution and inspection is essential,
- Simplicity in design and in the choice of construction methods and procedures is important for the successful application of these methods. This means that the components and methods should be simple, but not the product itself.