

principles are of great importance in regulating relations between states in an orderly fashion, it is these two which comprise the essence of friendly relations.

It is our further view that the underlying purpose of the United Nations -- not merely in the Sixth Committee, but especially in the Sixth Committee -- is to work toward the development of the rule of law amongst nations. We have therefore founded our resolution upon that concept, and I should like to offer some observations on that aspect of the resolution.

#### Rule of Law

The importance which my Government attaches to this concept of the rule of law in international affairs can be clearly seen from the following excerpts from an address given by the Rt. Hon., the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. John G. Diefenbaker, to a recent annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association in Vancouver, B.C.

"This moment of history presents a point of departure to a new epoch, and possibly a point of no return. As new forces are unleashed which mean either world destruction or the realization of man's ideals and longings, the international community of nations is presented with a choice, direct and simple, which can no longer be postponed. It is a choice fundamental to society itself, and even to the survival of mankind. It is the choice between the highway of the Rule of Law and that uncertain path which has no laws to guide or control the selfish and arbitrary wills of men or to resolve the conflicts which beset them. The future for which mankind strives can be attained only in peace through law, each being the function and product of the other.

"In the domestic legal system of states it is the function of the Rule of Law, and the courts which apply it, to regulate the conduct between man and man -- by proclaiming what is permissible and what is not, by prescribing