

We would ask for an equal measure of moderation and patience on the part of the population of Tunisia. In the advancement of their welfare and their independence it is not entirely on their own resources that they will rely to their greatest benefit. France, which has already contributed so much, still has a great deal to contribute to the future progress and well-being of those territories. Other countries in the Western world can also make their contribution, especially in the economic and social fields. The Tunisian leaders will, we hope, fully appreciate the importance of harmonious relations with the nation with which by long association they have been so closely connected.

For those of us who are assembled in this international gathering the task is to promote such a relationship on the firmest possible foundation. No solution can compare in strength and permanence with a solution reached by free agreement. It is by encouraging both the parties to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement which both can accept as satisfying their essential interests that this Assembly can perform its greatest service to the advancement of the welfare of Tunisia and to the cause of international peace.

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