

Secretary Kissinger is presently working on would be a significant development. However, who can predict the future? It is possible that the Geneva talks will be held, the status of the PLO will finally be resolved and we can look to a generally more favourable situation in the Middle East. That is what Canada will be working to achieve in the intervening period.

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Mr. Bill Clarke, Member of Parliament for Vancouver-Quadra:

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In light of the answer given Monday to the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands that preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in Vancouver next year will continue and in light of the reaction of the United Nations to Canada's postponement of the Toronto conference, will the minister now say what is the government's intention on admission of delegates to the Vancouver conference, keeping in mind that delay similar to that in the Toronto decision will put Canada in another embarrassing position and place Vancouver in a very difficult financial position in relation to the ongoing development done at the urging of the federal government?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):

Mr. Speaker, the situation is simply this. Preparations for the conference in Vancouver are going ahead. There has been no balk in that respect. That was stated by myself in the House and I am happy to confirm it today. With regard to the admission of members of the PLO, I have stated elsewhere the situation. It is properly a