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A Speech by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, at the Thirtieth Session of the General Assembly, of the United Nations, New York, September 22, 1975.

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We are pleased to welcome among us the delegations from Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe, as well as from Mozambique, following accession of these states to the United Nations. Their presence represents a further important step by this organization on the road towards universality of membership.

Seventh special session

...Increasingly our preoccupations are with global economic and social disparities and opportunities. These are political questions of grave concern, comparable, and indeed related, in scope and importance to those of international peace and security.

Last week, at our seventh special session on these very issues, we at last made some headway toward the reduction of these disparities. We agreed on steps necessary to move towards a new international economic order. We were able to agree because the time was ripe -- indeed overripe -- to move forward in a creative way on these complex issues.

We must now commit our attention and energies to sustaining this will, and to implementing the decisions that we have taken to reform our world economic system to reduce economic disparities. We must recognize, too, our respective peoples' need to be brought into these efforts. We have given undertakings on their behalf -- undertakings to provide those of the world's peoples who constitute a majority, those who are in want, with their full measure of social and economic justice.

I think that we all appreciate the urgency of this fundamental task. Otherwise we should not have achieved the remarkable degree of co-operation that characterized our intense, and most serious, effort during the special session. It is important that we pursue our objective -- and we have only just begun -- in the same spirit of co-operation and mutual respect. This is the most effective way for our organization to work. This is also the most effective way to
