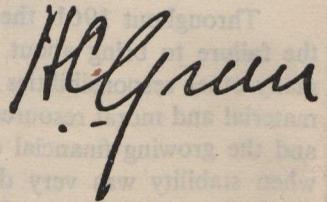


This event showed that all member states were willing, at an anxious time, when the future of the United Nations and indeed the cause of peace were in jeopardy, to subordinate national and regional interests to a common purpose, to ensure that the Organization could continue to pursue its aims without faltering. There is a growing awareness of the grave dangers which could result from allowing the United Nations to falter or collapse. I believe that this sense of responsibility will crystallize in a determination by the member states to adapt the Organization to the essential requirements of our time. This underlines any hope that the nations can have to achieve international co-operation and peaceful solutions in future.

The year 1961 ended with many international difficulties still unresolved but with a conviction that they were not beyond the reach of human ingenuity and patience. In the United Nations the members had shown willingness to deal with pressing problems and to adjust their attitudes and policies to meet changing events and conditions. Even as the membership continued to grow, the Organization was successful in consolidating opinion behind constructive endeavours in many fields.

Canada is fully pledged to support all efforts to improve the workings of the United Nations system and to make it increasingly effective in meeting the complex problems of our world of rapid change and advance. I look forward to a strengthening of the peaceful processes upon which the United Nations is founded and to an extension of its influence and impact on international affairs.



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