

The French writer Francois de Callières once wrote that "the secret of negotiation is to harmonize the real interests of the parties concerned". For my own part, I believe that a strong and viable United Nations is and will continue to be in the real interest of all the parties to the negotiations which are about to commence. If I am right in that belief, then surely the Secretary-General is justified in expressing the conviction that, given the will to reach them, it should not prove "beyond the capacity of reasonable men to reach reasonable accommodations".

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