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innovative plan to resolve the waste disposal problem in their community.

This local group headed by Dr. Pippa Moss, with Tina Harriot and Bill Campbell serving on the executive, have raised funds and services from many local individuals and businesses. They then successfully applied to Environment Canada for matching funds through the Environmental Partners Fund. This is not a giant project, but still a very important one and done completely by volunteers interested in reducing pollution and encouraging recycling.

The original survey that determined that 92 per cent of the residents in the area would support the local project clearly indicates how important this issue is to the people of Tatamagouche. They have a beautiful place to live and are fully prepared to put forth a great deal of effort to maintain it.

Clearly, the Environmental Partners Fund is properly named because it is a partnership between the people and the government which will result in a better environment for everyone. Congratulations to the committee for this ambitious endeavour.

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BRAZIL

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, all Canadians should be concerned about the survival of the Yanomami people in Brazil.

Last week, the Brazilian Government violated a court order and indeed violated the Brazilian constitution in refusing to evict 45,000 gold panners from the State of Roraima, a territory in which the Yanomami people have lived for generations.

Twenty years ago, the Yanomami had only sporadic contact with the outside world. With the arrival of the gold panners has come disease, pollution and violence. The Brazilian government's decision to allow continued mining and colonization means an exacerbation of these problems and poses a real threat to the tropical rain forest so crucial to the global environment.

Hundreds of Yanomami deaths have been related to their new contact with outside peoples. With the persistence and augmentation of this contact, these people face a real threat to their survival as a people.

I call on the Canadian Government to express its disapproval of the Brazilian government's decision and to work through international financial organizations to ensure that a sustainable natural environment takes precedence over reckless development.

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LAW OF THE SEA

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, what a contrast between the Prime Minister's pledges of support for sustainable development and Canada's inaction. At the United Nations, Canada has not ratified the Law of the Sea, which would help protect and properly manage the oceans of the world. To come into force, 60 nations must sign and ratify it. Only 43 nations have so far ratified the Law of the Sea, but Canada is not among them.

When will the Prime Minister match his rhetoric with action? When will he instruct Ambassador Fortier to ratify the Law of the Sea? When will Canada start advocating at the United Nations the ratification of the Law of the Sea, thus playing a positive role in the implementation of sustainable development in the oceans? The goal is within grasp and yet still elusive because of lack of political will.

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MEECH LAKE ACCORD

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming) Mr. Speaker, I am most disturbed by recent statements made in the riding of Timiskaming against the Meech Lake Accord.

Liberal leadership hopeful Jean Chrétien, who recently came to northeastern Ontario, is speaking out against the Meech Lake Accord. Now he and the local Timiskaming Liberals are barking and clapping like trained seals: "Meech Lake is dead and happily so".

Allow me to respond to Mr. Chrétien and his supporters. Canadians who are concerned with the future of our country, who are concerned with national unity and cultural tolerance, find these doomsayers' statements irresponsible and divisive.

There was an agreement among all premiers at Meech Lake in 1987. Canadians are wanting to see the agreement again in 1990. Our Prime Minister should be commended and supported for successfully building our country's strengths and uniting Canadians. Jean