the degree of public support for the United Nations.

In conclusion Mr. President, may I express my firm conviction that the United Nations has emerged from the uncertainty which clouded the 16th Session. Confidence and stability are being restored. The atmosphere in the present Assembly is more favourable for constructive work.

We now have an opportunity to respond to the improved situation by dealing firmly with the main issues before us. We must take encouragement from the recent progress, however gradual toward peace. We must maintain a steady United Nations course in that direction, conscious of the under-currents of danger in our troubled world but confident that we can control them.

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