

support to ensure that his successor can continue to provide the same inspired leadership.

At another level, for the UN to be efficient, all member States must respect their financial obligations. This means paying obligations on time and in full. Given its enhanced role, it is unacceptable that the UN should be paralysed by a lack of sufficient resources because assessments go unpaid.

Mr. President, Canada is committed to improving the UN's ability to channel the military resources of member states to peaceful purposes. This is essential for humanitarian purposes as well as to promote peace and security through peacekeeping, and through military enforcement when necessary. We look to increasing the capability of the Secretary-General to plan and conduct peace-keeping missions. We should also explore ways of turning these military resources to humanitarian relief purposes.

Regional Security

We are all aware that the UN Security Council's ability to deter aggressive action cannot by itself provide global security. In addition, we need effective regional security arrangements on a co-operative basis, arrangements that can address some of the underlying causes of insecurity and instability.

The new global climate for co-operation has created opportunities for regions to address their own problems without being used as dominoes in some wider ideological game.. It has also created obligations to do so.

This approach is crucial for long-lasting peace and security in regions such as Central and Eastern Europe and the Asia-Pacific. It has been essential for the progress towards peace in Cambodia and the solution of other regional conflicts.

In the Middle East problems remain, but we believe that solutions to these difficult problems are now a little closer. Canada will continue to support constructive initiatives such as the current efforts of the United States, based on the principles enshrined in Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. We call for direct negotiation between the parties concerned as the only route to a just and lasting peace. We continue to hope that a peace conference can open the door to those negotiations.

In the meantime, all countries can make particular efforts in the coming session to demonstrate their sensitivity to the parties directly concerned. Within our own purview, a decision by this General Assembly to rescind the infamous Zionism is Racism resolution would send a powerful and positive signal.