

been taken on the island to facilitate a return to normal conditions. This evidence of a willingness to find a peaceful solution to the dispute is of great encouragement to my Government which has always emphasized the close connection between the assumption of peacekeeping responsibilities and the parallel search for durable solutions to international disputes. I would urge that these negotiations be resumed and brought to a fruitful conclusion.

Universality

My Government also believes, Mr. President, that the objective of universality of membership is one which we should keep before us even though the prospects for reaching this objective may not be bright. I would repeat what I said on this occasion last year: "if this Organization is to realize its potential capacities all nations, and especially those which, like continental China, represent a significant proportion of the world's population, must be represented here." I outlined then what we considered to be a reasonable basis for the seating of a representative from continental China in the United Nations. While we were disappointed by the response to our suggestions we continue to believe that they represent a reasonable and just solution of the problem of China's representation. I would also hope that the question of the relationship of non-member states with the United Nations can be re-examined and I welcome the repetition of the Secretary-General's suggestions on observer status in his Annual Report.

Conclusion

Mr. President, I know you will permit me a brief reference in conclusion to the centenary celebrations which are taking place in my country this year. "Man and His World" is the theme of Expo 67, at Montreal. Expo has given Canadians renewed confidence in our ability to accomplish great things together and to solve our own problems by our own efforts. It is an achievement which has fired the enthusiasm of our many visitors and helped to reveal to them man's unity and diversity, his shared goals and unique responses. Expo has demonstrated graphically how national styles and national pride can be made subordinate to a larger whole and a wider good. That must also be the first task of this Organization--to reconcile conflicting national interests with the common good and on the common ground of the Charter.