

Another early concern of the United Nations is the Korean peninsula. There, too, the Secretary-General is performing a useful good-offices role. We are encouraged by the recent initiatives by the Republic of Korea for dialogue and reconciliation without conditions, and for the greater integration of the peninsula into the international community.

The United Nations is also playing a valuable role in Cyprus where peacekeeping and peacemaking are proceeding in parallel under the Secretary-General's leadership. We hope that the approaches now being considered in negotiations between the two communities will lead to the just and lasting comprehensive settlement they both desire.

It is in Cyprus that the oldest and largest of Canada's present peacekeeping contingents is serving. Twenty-five years after the introduction of U.N. peacekeeping forces to world affairs, I see the Cyprus force as accomplishing an important role encouraging us to believe in the notion of collective security through recourse to negotiation instead of conflict in the context of accepted principles of law.

There are also nations engaged in our attempt to advance the rule of law at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. I should like to associate myself with the statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations made at the opening of the Tenth Session of the Law of the Sea Conference on March 9, when he said: "Apart from the achievement of the specific objectives of this conference, I attach the highest importance to the impact which its success may have in strengthening the role of the U.N. in finding viable solutions to great global issues."

I wish to emphasize that the conference is not merely an attempt to codify technical rules of law. It is a resource conference. It is a food conference. It is an environmental conference. It is an energy conference. It is a conservation conference. It is a maritime boundary delimitation conference. It is a territorial limitation and jurisdictional conference. It is a transportation, communications and freedom of navigation conference. It is a conference which regulates all the uses of the oceans by humanity. Most importantly, it is a conference which provides for peaceful settlement of disputes concerning the oceans. It is, in other words, a conference dedicated to the rule of law amongst nations.