

in a clear and unmistakable manner, between, on the one hand, the authority and competence of the Security Council and the General Assembly in those political fields prescribed by the Charter, and, on the other, the competence and authority of technical conferences in their respective fields.

In the meantime, it is the hope of my Government that, in the spirit of co-operation that has so happily characterized the deliberations of the seventh special session, we shall all voluntarily refrain from the introduction of unrelated political considerations into the proceedings of the Specialized Agencies as well as the organs that have been assigned specific responsibilities for implementing the decisions of the special session. We should allow these bodies to get on with their technical work. This would surely be in the best interests of each UN member and of the organization as a whole.

The celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations prompts all of us to reflect upon the place of this organization in the life of the international community. Its critics have been many and persistent; its supporters sometimes wavering. But, whatever its shortcomings over the years, we must recognize the simple fact that, in our quest for peace and security and our search for solutions to the great economic and social issues of our time, this universal forum is irreplaceable.

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