

the festering problems of Arab-Israeli conflict and the situation of the Palestinians will be seriously addressed. The Canadian Government, among many others, favours the convening of an international conference on the issues, and the basic approach outlined by President Mitterand in September has much to commend it. In such a conference or elsewhere, Canada will continue to be among the firmest supporters of Israel's legitimate rights and security interests, as will the United States and others in the West with the capacity to guarantee secure arrangements. Such staunch friends of Israel, however, are increasingly convinced that the strengthening of international order, being tested and applied in the Gulf, is also the only durable guarantee of security in the region and the world, and that its standards cannot be applied or waived selectively.