

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of the Environment): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I was speaking of two kinds of standards; the standards relating to emissions in the atmosphere from industrial stacks, and, in the second part of my answer, I was speaking about the standards or government policy, to the effect that any major development or project in which the federal government is involved would have to fall within that policy, which means it would have to be subject to environmental assessment.

VALUE OF TEN-YEAR STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS
OF SYNCRUDE TO THOSE WORKING ON PROJECT IN 1979

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, in addition, when answering the same series of questions, the minister indicated there was a \$40 million study into this problem which would take place over a ten-year period. In view of the fact that the Syncrude project will be on-stream in late 1978, and all the predictions are for late 1978, what assurance can the minister give to those who may be suffering health hazards in 1979 that the study which is going to take place over ten years will work *ex post facto* to help them in terms of the cancer and like problems which might develop?

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows a great deal about the health problems which can flow from developments of this sort than I do. Our research and assessment does not allow us to say there is this kind of danger which would be identifiable at this time. We do have concern, though, because we know these developments will have some considerable impact on the environment. That is why, in preparation for that development over a period of several years, and the hon. member certainly knows this development is not going to occur overnight—we have embarked on this very important and comprehensive study of all the impacts on the environment. We are preparing ourselves, getting the data and information we need in order to be in a position to assess the situations as they present themselves.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ACTION TO MAKE CLEAR CANADA'S ABHORRENCE OF
VIOLENCE BY PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Acting Prime Minister. In view of the terrorist act which took place in Zion Square in Jerusalem yesterday, killing seven people and wounding 34, and considering the fact that the Palestine Liberation Organization through its news agency Wafa has officially claimed responsibility for that action in commemoration of the first anniversary of its leader, Yasser Arafat's visit to the United Nations, and his waving of the olive branch, will the minister advise the House what instructions if any were given or are to be given to our ambassador at the United Nations that Canada's abhorrence of terrorism by the PLO be clearly demonstrated, at a time when the PLO is about to be invited by the government of Canada to

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participate in the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in Vancouver?

Mr. Hees: That's a very good question.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the attitude of the Canadian government toward terrorist activities is very well known. Like the hon. member, we deplore them and we have protested in most vigorous terms. We have stated Canada's position on many, many occasions, and as to whether it would be appropriate for us to make another protest on this particular occasion, I will take this suggestion under consideration. The Secretary of State for External Affairs has said, and his position has been confirmed by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, that at the Habitat Conference representatives of observer bodies such as the PLO will be permitted providing they are not terrorists.

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IMMIGRATION

SUGGESTED PROHIBITION OF ENTRY INTO CANADA OF
MEMBER OF PLO EXECUTIVE TO ATTEND MEETING IN OTTAWA

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct this question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the fact that the Ottawa public affairs group of the Voice of Women has arranged for a public forum next Monday night at the Ottawa Public Library on the subject of how Zionism is a form of racism, to which meeting has been invited Mr. Shafik Al-Hout, director of the PLO delegation office in Beirut, Lebanon, and vice-chairman of the PLO delegation at the United Nations and a member of the PLO executive, will the minister indicate to the House what steps will be taken by the government to prevent the entry into Canada, for such purposes, of this leader of the terrorist organization, thereby acknowledging that this House's condemnation of the United Nations resolution is not just a matter of words, and thus preventing regrettable retaliation methods which, although not to be encouraged, can be expected?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, as indicated by the President of the Privy Council, the policy has been clearly stated and no terrorist will be allowed in.

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF HELSINKI AGREEMENT
PROVISIONS

Mr. Serge Joyal (Maisonneuve-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, I want to put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In his absence, I will put it to his parliamentary secretary.

First, can the minister tell the House why the details of the Helsinki agreement, which has been signed by Canada