

assault charges on the condition that this repeat offender was deported which he was in November last year.

Now I find this chronic sex offender, this failed refugee claimant is back in my community to appear, by invitation from this minister's officials, at a second hearing to be allowed to stay in Canada.

Why is this man even getting a hearing in the first place? Why has the government reneged on its promise to keep this criminal out of Canada?

Hon. Sergio Marchi (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to engage on the floor of the House of Commons in a case when the member has not given me advanced notice of the person's name or the case file.

The member may not wish to respect the privacy legislation, due process. I say again to the hon. member that no one on that side has a virtue or a monopoly on virtue about those cases that are abhorrent to all Canadians.

I will certainly look at the case that the hon. member speaks about. Tomorrow we will be putting forward amendments with the aim of making it very, very clear that those in the minority who abuse will have those loopholes closed. I hope that his party looks forward to the speedy passage of that legislation.

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[Translation]

UNITED NATIONS

Mr. Jean-Marc Jacob (Charlesbourg): Mr. Speaker, in a report released yesterday, the Canadian Committee for the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations is proposing the implementation and funding by Canada of a peacemaking unit which would be at the disposal of the UN to take part in different peace missions. This UN rapid intervention standing force would particularly be used to prevent conflicts and massacres, to protect humanitarian assistance convoys and to maintain interposition forces for the enforcement of ceasefires.

My question is for the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In the context of the review of the Canadian foreign policy and defence policies, is the minister in favour of this recommendation to create a Canadian peacemaking unit?

• (1450)

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Foreign Affairs): Mr. Speaker, that is a very interesting proposal which will certainly be examined on its merits by the parliamentary committee mandated to review our foreign policy and defence policies.

Mr. Jean-Marc Jacob (Charlesbourg): Mr. Speaker, I greatly appreciate the minister's answer, because it gives some

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leeway to the joint committee on foreign policy review as well as the joint committee on defence, and I thank him for it.

Can the minister also tell us if he agrees with another proposal made by that committee to increase the membership of the UN Security Council in order to accept more developing countries?

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Foreign Affairs): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member must know that, indeed, studies are currently being done within the UN Security Council. In fact, at the last UN meeting, a special committee was given the mandate to review the membership of the Security Council. Several proposals are currently being examined.

Canada is very interested in a Security Council that would better reflect the current reality of the UN, in view of the fact that a considerable number of countries have been added since the creation of the first Security Council. Canada did not make any specific proposal, but we are examining very actively different proposals currently under review. When that special committee tables its report, Canada will certainly be at the forefront of a major reform of the Security Council.

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IMMIGRATION

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. It is further to the question raised by my colleague from Fraser Valley West.

The minister in the past has told Canadians that these are isolated cases, the aeroplane analogy as I call it. I would like him to tell that to the young lady anxiously awaiting the results of her HIV test while this rapist walks the streets of her neighbourhood.

My question is this. In Matsqui prison in B.C. today is another repeat offender who has been ordered deported nine times. Does the minister intend to deport this rapist nine times as well? How many innocent citizens must suffer because of government incompetence and inaction?

Hon. Sergio Marchi (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it seems the Reform Party takes great pleasure in citing cases where it seeks to exploit whereas we see cases and we try to fix the system that allows those cases to occur.

There is a big difference. The gory details, day in and day out, give no satisfaction and no pleasure to any member on this side as it does not give any pleasure or satisfaction to that side. We have laws. We have a process. We also move to deport individuals and we have. We will further strengthen that.