

OTTAWA,
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Mr. Kurt Waldheim,
Secretary-General to the United Nations,
United Nations Plaza,
New York.

My dear Secretary-General,

On behalf of the Government and people of Canada, I wish to convey to you and to all the staff members of the United Nations and its affiliated organizations, warmest wishes on the occasion of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. We are indeed indebted to you and all others throughout the United Nations System, who by steadfast and dedicated efforts strive to achieve the aims envisaged thirty years ago. It is with a sense of pride in the U.N.'s past accomplishments and of confidence in its future, that Canada looks this day to the world organization.

At the time of its conception and establishment thirty years ago, the United Nations reflected the values and realities of a world emerging from the shock of a tragic war. In 1945 the world hungered for peace: the 51 countries gathered in San Francisco were determined to establish a new and dynamic system of international relations based on justice and equality rather than power and exploitation. International relations have evolved considerably in the intervening thirty years but the hopes of 1945 have still not been fully met. Nevertheless, the United Nations has successfully risen to many of the challenges that the intervening years have placed before it. Indeed, the Canadian Government and people firmly believe that the successes of the UN have far outweighed its shortcomings and that its continued good health is indispensable to the well-being of the world community. We therefore hope and expect that progress will continue to be made towards the goals and ideals of its founders.

One of the greatest achievements of the UN during its first three decades has been its constructive role in the process of decolonization. The many new nations that have emerged in this period now play a full part in the activities of the United Nations. Their role is one that they themselves