

flexible positions and with a willingness to be influenced by others. Despite the declarations that have recently resounded through various international arenas--particularly the United Nations--I had the impression that these qualities essential to any dialogue were characteristic of many of our African friends, and especially of those who had invited me to visit them.

Anxious to ensure that Canada's positions retained the flexibility and open-mindedness that are so necessary for negotiation and compromise, I wanted to confirm this intuition before the next United Nations Special Session on Development. The questions relating to the developing countries' demands for a new international economic order had therefore to be accorded high priority on the agenda we proposed to our hosts, together with questions of international security.

The House is aware of the deep concern felt by the Government, and by the people of Canada, at the continued existence of racist regimes in Southern Africa, the blatant violation of human rights and the continuing political tensions created by this situation on a continent which needs to devote all its efforts to the consolidation of its political structures and the economic and social development of its peoples. The House is also aware that certain initiatives taken by South Africa in the wake of the liberation of the Portuguese territories, and the cautious but positive reactions to these moves