

CANADA'S POSITION

The Canadian Government views with deep regret the return of racial tension to Malaysia and the Malaysian Government's decision to resort to emergency legislation and to arrest and detain members of parliament and of various political and social organizations. It hopes that a return to law and order will make it possible shortly to release those still being detained. The Canadian Government also hopes to see the Malaysian Government terminate the exceptional measures as soon as possible and begin promoting a policy of national reconciliation.

The Canadian Government's views have been brought to the attention of the Malaysian High Commissioner to Canada and of the Malaysian Foreign Ministry.

POSITIONS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS

The Governments of the United States, Australia and New Zealand have expressed similar views to the Malaysian authorities. On November 19, the European Parliament passed a resolution condemning the arrest and detention of opposition group members.