

with qualities of resilience and decency in the human spirit. But of one thing I am certain: this pattern of almost supernatural restraint will not last forever.

As the fabric of society tears asunder, as the government of South Africa defies reason, those who counsel moderation will find their voices stilled by violence.

That is why we're in such a race with time. And that is why, in Canada's view, the next six months are crucial.

Somehow, we must keep the momentum going. There is a sense — perfectly real — that we're poised on the brink . . . that at any moment, South Africa could descend into the maelstrom of conflict and horror. We have to maintain the faith with the black leadership that never gives up; faith with those who suffer the police in the townships, with those who languish in detention, with those who face trial, with those who are hanged at dawn, with those whose lives are already forfeit in the desperate struggle for freedom.

And keeping the faith means keeping the pressure relentlessly on. In that respect, the world has come a long way in the past several months. Canada is strongly representative of that crescendo of conscience and action which now grips nation after nation.

I don't think it's necessary to recapitulate for this audience each and every measure which Canada has recently introduced — we have circulated all our relevant political statements as formal documents of the General Assembly. Suffice to say, that between July and September of this year, Canada announced a whole range of selective sanctions, cutting right across the economic spectrum, incorporating everything from the effective ban on the sale of *krugerrands*, to a ban on bank loans, to an embargo on air transport, to a voluntary ban on the sale of crude oil, to an end of the toll-processing of uranium from Namibia. In concert with so many other nations, we have strengthened our sporting boycott, and so anxious are we to give expression to an aroused public opinion that the Canadian government has opened a registry where every single voluntary measure undertaken by Canadian provinces, municipalities, organizations, even private citizens can be inscribed as a testament of our implacable opposition to *apartheid*. As the dossier builds, we will forward the contents to the Secretary-General.

Such items, however, are simply the specific ingredients of political policy. Conceptually, we have gone much further. We have, with determination, helped to negotiate and then signed October's Commonwealth accord — a document which not only contains within it selective sanctions collectively applied, but also the terms and conditions for dismantling *apartheid*. And then, last week, from this very platform, the Canadian Prime Minister made it clear that if South Africa resists fundamental change, we're prepared to impose total sanctions; more, that if *apartheid* is not dismantled, we would consider severing relations with South Africa absolutely.

There are moments in the lives of nations when the immorality of one invites the opprobrium of all. This is such a moment.

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