

Canada was to be admitted just on invitation and acceptance. Whether it is good, or not, that we did not accept in those days, is very hard to speculate on, except to say that if Canada had accepted, I am sure we would not be having such a time in here tonight!

(Laughter)

Apart from that, the short incident of hostilities to which you alluded very gently, we have since then -- since the past 165 years, I guess it is -- have had very good neighborhood relations, indeed. We have cooperated in many, many ways. We have built together some of the greatest of man's enterprises. We have maintained Democracy, alive within our Countries; and we have cooperated in assisting wherever we could--around the World, in helping other Nations in one way or another.

I think it is fair to say that, if, in those days, 150 years ago, we were the hope of the New World -- a large part of the hope of the New World -- I would think that today, perhaps, in large part, we represent the hope of the Third World; and this joins many of the discussions we had this afternoon. I must say that, on behalf of the Canadian Government and people, that we are more than delighted -- we are excited -- with the generous approach that your ideas convey as regards the World order which would be based on equality and justice.