

and economic roots - one that jeopardizes the stability and security of an entire region. Only the total elimination of apartheid will restore peace to South Africa and to Southern Africa as a whole." Apartheid is a direct affront to decent people throughout the world - to non-whites, who are presented as children of a lesser god. It is an affront to whites, who resent a racism that wrongly implicates them.

For years Canadians have heard and praised the voices of reason in South Africa - Lutuli, Suzman, Naudé, Boesak, Mandela and Tutu alike. But none of us should be under any illusions. The news blackout in South Africa may make us think things are better. Not so! We are still very much in a race against time, if voices such as those are not to be stilled by oppression, or violence. We give thanks, in retrospect for the moderation of a leader such as Kenyatta. With the benefit of hindsight, we can now see that the path of moderation and tolerance is possible in Africa - even after turmoil and disharmony? Since we spoke to this issue from this podium last year, Canada has not been alone in taking actions to help ensure that the race can be won. With others - governments, institutions, churches, individuals and industries - we have worked in this pursuit, with the ultimate goal of ending apartheid. We hope and pray that the South African Government will not remain unheeding to our call, nor deaf to the aspirations of the majority of its people.

The measures Canada has taken against South Africa are amply spelled out in documents of the General Assembly (such as A/41/506 Add 2 of 21 October 1986) and these will be familiar to this audience. But measures against South Africa are only part of the strategic assault on apartheid. Canadians contribute on a very large scale to Non-governmental Organizations, working in South Africa. Those NGOs, representing increasingly large numbers of Canadians, have both helped on the ground and have educated Canadians about developments in South Africa. My life long interest in Africa was cemented by five years in Nigeria as Director of CUSO (the Canadian Peace Corps) and chaplain at the University of Nigeria. I found that Africans even in the 1960's were of one mind regarding the scourge of apartheid.

My involvement is but one example of Canadian appreciation for the aspirations of Africans. The Canadian Government values very highly its dialogue with non governmental organizations. Such organizations and