

## APPENDIX

## ADDRESS

of  
 Mr. Chaim Herzog  
*President of the State of Israel*  
 to  
 Both Houses of Parliament  
 in the  
 HOUSE OF COMMONS CHAMBER, OTTAWA  
 on  
 Tuesday, June 27, 1989

[*Translation*]

The President was welcomed by the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada and thanked by the Honourable Guy Charbonneau, Speaker of the Senate and the Honourable John A. Fraser, Speaker of the House of Commons.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Right Honourable the Prime Minister.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[*English*]

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. President, that was the kind of warm welcome that I receive every day in the House of Commons.

[*Translation*]

Members of the Senate, of the House of Commons, distinguished guests, dear friends.

[*English*]

We are gathered here today to mark the first address to the Parliament of Canada by the Head of State or the Head of the Government of Israel.

We mark as well the first state visit to Canada by a President of Israel.

On behalf of all Canadians, Mr. President, I tell you simply: welcome, you are among friends.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Mulroney:** Your ties to our country predate the foundation of the State of Israel.

You were a brother-in-arms to thousands of our fellow citizens who, in history's darkest hour, risked—and, in all too many cases, sacrificed—their lives to defeat the Nazi terror.

The British unit in which you served, from the beaches of Normandy until V-E Day, was attached to the First Canadian Army.

The wreath you will be laying this afternoon at our National War Memorial is therefore an especially moving expression of our personal and national solidarity. Canadians remember that threat to our freedom. And we will never forget the diabolical attempt to exterminate the Jewish people.

The Holocaust is burnt indelibly into our souls, as it must live on in the minds of our youngest children—and then, theirs—so that it can never be forgotten.

You pursued your destiny, Mr. President, in an era that brought about the birth and consolidation of the State of Israel.

[*Translation*]

Canada played a part in that process by participating in the United Nations Commission that proposed the partition of Palestine, by voting for Israel's membership in the UN and by contributing to the Middle East peacekeeping forces in the hope of stabilizing the region and of bringing peace to your country.

Most of all, in the daring and difficult period of Israel's infancy, when your nation needed friends—true friends—Canada was there. Canada was there over 40 years ago and our friendship and support remain with you today.

[*English*]

The bonds between Israel and Canada are numerous and deep.