

A major remaining obstacle to further progress has been the deadlock on the question of mining the rich resources of the deep seabed, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. On this and other unfinished business we must find internationally agreed solutions to avert a serious risk of conflict, and for the benefit of all mankind. The process may be long and many are weary but we must not flag in the effort to achieve agreement on an overall regime for the oceans at the moment when, finally, success might be within our grasp.

Mr. President, I have spoken about our hopes and disappointments as members of the United Nations. I conclude with the pledge that Canada will continue to be a loyal and, I trust, constructive member. The United Nations suits Canada. We are a country of many peoples and cultures. We understand the meaning of compromise and consensus. We prize the opportunity to cultivate relations with near and distant friends. We remain committed to the purposes and principles of the Charter.