

possibility of convincing the present Government of South Africa of the necessity to come to terms with the great movement of independence and freedom which has swept through the continent of Africa during the past 20 years. If we pass a resolution condemning South Africa's policies but calling for action which, because of lack of unanimity regarding the means to be employed, in practice will not be carried out, we will be no closer to a peaceful solution to this problem.

There have been a number of ideas expressed in this debate which, if developed further, might show the way towards the solution of this problem. Of particular interest has been the suggestion that a means must be found to reassure the white minority that if they grant political rights and, ultimately, political power to the black majority, they will not in turn themselves become the victims of racial discrimination. Perhaps we should be asking ourselves - why does the Government of South Africa persist in a policy which is universally condemned? There is clearly no ready, single, answer. But one can ask - is fear one of the principal reasons? If this is so, we should be concerned that the motives which impell us to speak on behalf of those now deprived of human rights will have equal application in relation to any violation of human rights for which provision is made in the Charter. It is in this sense that the Danish proposals are particularly perceptive. Canada, it will be recognized, has played a role in the past in enabling the membership of this Organization to be more universally representative. Our action then has made it possible to bring to the table many new countries whose representatives are participating in the discussion today. The representatives of those States are responsible statesmen in whose wisdom and sense of justice we must have confidence.

Without going further into the details of the Danish proposals, my Delegation agrees that they are wise in suggesting that the responsibility for considering steps suitable to influence the South African Government lies with the Security Council. While there is a need to modify the structure