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## PEACE KEEPING AND DISARMAMENT

An Address by the Honourable Paul Martin,  
Secretary of State for External Affairs,  
to the Special Session of the Eleventh  
General Assembly of the World Veterans  
Federation, Geneva, May 3, 1965.

\* Paragraphs so marked delivered in French.

\* I am honoured to have been asked to address this special session to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. I am particularly honoured to be sharing this platform with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who has rendered such distinguished and devoted service to the world community.

\* This is a solemn anniversary for all of us. It is an anniversary of the hopes and aspirations which repose in this great organization. It is, above all, an anniversary of our collective determination to build a better world order.

\* The first condition of such a world order is peace. And it is no coincidence that the first pledge to which we subscribed in the Charter of the United Nations is a pledge of peace -- a pledge "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war". I have no need to dwell on the undiminished urgency of that pledge in a gathering of world veterans.

\* We have come a reasonable way along the course we charted 20 years ago. But a long and arduous road stretches before us. The end of that road is still far from being in sight. It is important, therefore, to be clear where our next steps should be directed.

\* I have spoken of reasonable progress on the road to peace. In the very difficult situation which is confronting us in Vietnam today, this may seem like an excessively optimistic statement. But, if we cast our glance back over the past two decades, I think that the record will bear me out. In that period, we have faced a large number of situations of conflict or potential conflict. Many of these situations could have led to war. In the event, they did not lead to war. They did not lead to war because the