

must no longer be an instrument of national policy? Pressures and temptations exist to breach this high principle; temptations to extend an area of influence or to intervene in internal affairs of other nations, even to seek to obtain an objective by use of force.

The conflicts with which we are faced in Asia at this moment differ in important and obvious respects. Their most significant common characteristic is that either situation could widen the area of conflict and create the danger of spreading war in Asia and beyond; the elimination of that risk is the supreme task of the international community and the supreme opportunity that lies before the United Nations.

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I turn now to the events which have gripped the world's attention in recent weeks -- the conflict between India and Pakistan.

The news that the ceasefire between India and Pakistan has come into effect has been received with profound relief throughout the world and nowhere more so than in Canada. During the previous seven weeks, the Canadian Government and the Canadian people had been saddened and dismayed by the rapid intensification of this tragic conflict between two countries, partners in Commonwealth, with which we have formed increasingly close bonds since they attained their independence. The Secretary General who in this matter has again served the United Nations