

The commemoration of Disarmament Week beginning with U.N. Day is a sobering reminder that much remains to be done in preparation for the second U.N. Special Session on Disarmament next spring. A number of voluntary groups in Canada, with the assistance of the government, will be highlighting during the week the efforts of the United Nations in pursuit of this goal. As you have underlined, the public must be actively interested in current negotiations if they are to produce results. Among our endeavours toward this end is the recent publication of UNSSOD II and Canada, the regular publication of a disarmament bulletin, and the meeting of a consultative group of non-governmental organizations chaired by the Ambassador for Disarmament.

I was very pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you a month ago in New York, and I appreciated your kind remarks on my address to the General Assembly. Much of what I said has found expression in your actions, and I can only commend your tireless efforts of the last ten years to lead the United Nations in the cause of international peace and cooperation.

On behalf of all Canadians, I wish to reaffirm our continued collaboration in the furtherance of the aims of the United Nations Charter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark MacGuigan".

Mark MacGuigan