

The following is the text of a message sent by the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, to the UN Secretary-General, His Excellency Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, on the occasion of United Nations Day, October 24, 1984:

"Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and people of Canada, it is my pleasure to convey to you, and to all those associated with the UN family of organizations, our warmest wishes on the occasion of the thirty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

The new government of which I am a member is committed wholeheartedly to support and strengthen the United Nations. As I stated in my address to the General Assembly on 25 September, the UN has enjoyed wide public support in Canada since 1945 and this support has found expression in the foreign policy of all postwar Canadian Governments. Our decision to appoint two prominent public figures, Stephen Lewis as Permanent Representative in New York and Douglas Roche as Ambassador for Disarmament, underscores the importance we attach to the UN and the principles it represents.

In your most recent Annual Report on the work of the organization, you asked why there has been a retreat from internationalism and multilateralism and you called on politicians, diplomats and thinkers around the world to