

That, Mr. Chairman, concludes my review of the Vietnam situation. I cannot say that I assess the prospects in the short term any too hopefully. I say this because, so far, the simple formula which will bring the two sides together without raising other intractable issues has eluded all those who have tried. I can assure the Committee, however, that the Government remains committed to the search for a solution of this conflict. I am in close touch with the representatives of all countries which may be in a position to help in this matter -- in particular, of course, our Commission partners, with whom we hope it will be possible to concert our efforts in the right circumstances. I am firmly convinced that there is a role which Canada will be called upon to play in Vietnam in one form or another, and we are now looking into the results of our experience over the past 13 years to determine how best we can play that role when the time comes.

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