

vides the means of international co-operation among nations in the pursuit of objectives such as those described above.

The Government will continue its firm support for international organizations within the United Nations family. It will be prepared to join new ones established to serve international purposes consistent with the broad objectives Canada is seeking abroad through other external activities. The Government will be particularly concerned to ensure that all United Nations bodies are maintained in a state of maximum effectiveness for dealing with real problems emerging in a rapidly changing world.

This attitude underlies the Government's approach to the United Nations and the issues it seems likely to face in the coming decade. The objectives that Canada will be pursuing are in line with the basic policy emphasis described in the general paper in this series—Economic Growth, Social Justice, Quality of Life, Peace and Security. The United Nations and its related international organizations provide the instrumentalities and an ambiance for giving international expression and meaning to most of those policies. The Government will be looking for opportunities to do so, and in a way which will strengthen the capacity of the United Nations to contribute to similar ends.

In its contribution to the General Debate that opened the twenty-fourth General Assembly of the United Nations, Canada called for a strengthening and renewal of the organization, a refinement of objectives, a surer sense of priorities, a simplification of procedures. Canada urged upon the member nations a broader view than that confined to narrow concepts of sovereignty and national interest, the need for effective action rather than empty debate, for negotiated settlements rather than sterile confrontations.

The two great functions of the United Nations—to keep the peace and to improve the conditions of life on earth—call for a newly-effective and rejuvenated United Nations structure. Together with other nations, Canada will continue to work toward this end.