

- (d) establish political freedom and specifically lift the existing ban on the African National Congress and other political parties.
- (e) initiate, in the context of suspension of violence on all sides, a process of dialogue across lines of colour, politics and religion, with a view to establishing a non-racial and representative government.

Words are often important. The words in that final formulation initiate in a context of suspension of violence on all sides a process of dialogue. It has proven to be among the stubborn and highly elusive elements of progress in southern Africa.

There is a professed agreement on the part of the South African Government and indeed representatives of the African National Congress that dialogue would be helpful. There is still sharp disagreement as to what exactly is involved in the implementation of the phrase of suspension of violence on all sides and how that would be accomplished and who would take the leadership.

But it is a formula, a negotiating concept that remains the best we have. It would not have occurred had the Commonwealth not taken the initiative that it did and that initiative would not have born fruit had we not had available to us people of the quality, the wisdom, the judgment, and the tolerance, if I may, including a determination to look beyond the rhetoric and the antagonisms of the moment, of Archbishop Ted Scott.

Since his participation in that effort, with energy perhaps peculiar to the clergy, Archbishop Scott has invested himself heavily not only in raising Canadian consciousness on the issue of Apartheid, but in galvanizing opinion and in raising money. He had to raise money from the public since the Government of Canada was such a skin flint in some of these areas.

His focus today is not simply on ending Apartheid but on the other enormous and absolutely critical task of helping to build the society that will emerge after Apartheid in southern Africa so that all of its members can share fully in the opportunities which the future will bring.

I am very honoured to be here tonight with Archbishop Scott. I am also pleased and I don't want to miss the opportunity to say a few words to the United Nations Association about the United Nations and about your association.