

Arabs and Israelis have never fully understood the emotions of their antagonists. This lack of understanding of each other's concerns has been reinforced by polemics primarily designed to give one side a propaganda advantage against the other rather than to work toward a solution to the Middle East problem. The attempt to use the United Nations, and other international fora, to pass extreme, unbalanced and one-sided resolutions condemning Israel has only exacerbated tensions, complicating the process of constructive dialogue. Canada has consistently opposed such resolutions, which do nothing to enhance the prospects for constructive negotiation. We believe that such questions as the extent of Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967 and the determination of secure and recognized boundaries called for in Security Council Resolution 242 can only be determined by direct negotiations between the parties. Attempts to pre-judge these negotiations at the expense of one side, whether in the United Nations or on the ground in the area, is something Canada has consistently opposed. We fully intend to continue this policy. It is our hope that if negotiations can progress and agreements be reached, the essential futility of such activities will become increasingly self-evident and begin to fall away.

The success of Israel and Egypt in coming to grips last September at Camp David with the extremely difficult Middle East problem demonstrates that progress