

of Emergency Operations — demonstrated that the United Nations, when mobilized, can save hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of lives.

There is a tendency in this place to measure the UN's legitimacy solely in terms of political issues. Here is a case, however, when legitimacy and purpose are confirmed by the quality of our response to the human predicament.

It has all been memorable. It is a fitting reaffirmation of the fortieth anniversary.

What we must now resolve is that 40 years hence, the African continent will reflect a multitude of thriving economies where the human condition flourishes.