

to live according to some standards of conduct. This kind of international law can best be developed through step-by-step progress, patiently built on solid foundations. The work of the International Court of Justice and the International Law Commission is contributing to the establishment of that foundation. Standards of conduct are also being set in many specialized fields - in meteorology, civil aviation, postal service, health, agriculture and labour relations, to name a few. We have begun to consider the principles that should regulate the exploration and use of outer space.

In 1961 Canada strongly supported the United Nations Development Decade resolution in the hope that its adoption would focus world attention on the pressing economic and social needs of the less-developed countries of the world.

Last year, the General Assembly agreed to hold, probably in the early part of 1964, a Conference on Trade and Development. This conference will concern itself primarily with the broad range of trade and development problems of the less-developed countries. We have supported the idea of the conference and are members of the Preparatory Committee, the body making preparations for the conference. We intend to make a positive contribution to the success of the conference. It is our hope that the work of this conference, combined with parallel efforts of GATT relating the trade problems of less-developed countries, will lead to more favourable conditions for the accelerated promotion of the trade of the less-developed countries.

These developments are but a beginning and much remains to be done. The principal error in appraising the United Nations may be that people have come to expect too much too soon. In President Kennedy's words: "Our instrument and our hope is the United Nations, and I see little merit in the impatience of those who would abandon this imperfect world instrument because they dislike our imperfect world."

The removal of these imperfections is mainly a matter of modifying the attitudes of member states and particularly the attitudes of those who possess the real attributes of power in today's world. This kind of change will come not by drastic reform of constitutional arrangements but by an evolutionary process which will require high statesmanship and great foresight.

There is a tendency these days for us to be captivated by the perpetual short-run crisis dramatized for all the world in a six-word newspaper headline. It is part of my task to deal with the unending succession of events of the moment and part of your task to record them. But somehow both of us must find the ability and summon the courage to raise our eyes and our thoughts forward beyond tomorrow toward the ideals for which we strive.