

behind secure and recognized borders. We have stated our conviction that no peaceful and stable solution to this regional conflict can be found without the participation of the Palestinians and the just settlement of their claims. We have condemned the use of violence as a political instrument or as a means of retribution. We have participated in all U.N. peacekeeping and ceasefire supervision missions in the Middle East and contributed to the United Nations' relief operations for Palestinian refugees. We have advocated and continue to advocate the full implementation of Security Council Resolution 242. All of this therefore continues to be Government policy.

We are confident that the initiatives to be taken by Canada and other countries on the future of the United Nations and the Middle East will lead to a different atmosphere, in which the postponed Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders can be held in Canada, at a time to be decided upon, with sufficient assurances of success. It was agreed with the Secretary-General of the United Nations that we should consult further on this question and I expect to be in touch with him later this week.