

The Secretary of State for External Affairs



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My dear Secretary-General,

On behalf of the Government and people of Canada, it is my pleasure to convey to you, and to the staff members of the United Nations and its affiliated organizations, our warmest wishes on the occasion of the thirty-third anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

The Special Session of the General Assembly on Disarmament proclaimed the week of October 24th as one "devoted to fostering the objectives of disarmament". You, yourself, have reminded us that "no other forum can fulfill the requirement of universal involvement that the present situation demands".

The Government and people of Canada have found a basis for renewed faith in and optimism about the workings of the United Nations this past year as a result of the outcome of the attention devoted to disarmament. We view with satisfaction the fact that world leaders and other representatives used this occasion to transcend their own particular interests in order to join together to pursue effective measures of disarmament through negotiation and agreement. With other member states, Canada will participate with new hope in the negotiation of multilateral disarmament agreements, based on the programme of action approved by the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament.

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