

MEMBER NATIONS HAVE RESPONDED RECENTLY TO APPEALS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO TRY TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM, TO MY MIND THIS CLEARLY INDICATES A VERY LOW PRIORITY BEING GIVEN TO THE ORGANIZATION BY ITS OWN MEMBERS. WE CANNOT BUT WONDER TO WHAT EXTENT THE MEMBER NATIONS FULLY BELIEVE IN AND SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION WHICH THEY SO OFTEN URGE US TO JOIN. NEVERTHELESS, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH AND TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. WE ALSO HOPE THAT IT WILL ACHIEVE THAT REVITALIZATION THAT MANY OF ITS MEMBERS DESIRE TO MAKE IT MORE RELEVANT AND MEANINGFUL AS AN INSTRUMENT TO DEAL WITH IMPORTANT CHALLENGES AND PROBLEMS OF THIS HEMISPHERE. IN MY PERSONAL VIEW, SUCH A REVITALIZATION WOULD HAVE A HIGHLY POSITIVE IMPACT ON PUBLIC OPINION IN CANADA WITH IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE QUESTION OF EVENTUAL CANADIAN MEMBERSHIP.

MR. PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, MR. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND DISTINGUISHED OBSERVERS, I THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO YOU THE NATURE OF CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND WITH THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. I HOPE THAT MY REMARKS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO YOU THAT IT REMAINS THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO DEVELOP ALL OF THESE