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countries and of establishing a process of closer consultation and practical cooperation. We in Canada were proud that this Commonwealth Caribbean-Canada Conference was one of the first international gatherings of its kind attended by Guyana as a sovereign, independent nation.

In welcoming Guyana to the United Nations, I know that we can count on Guyana's representatives to make a positive and effective contribution to the deliberations of this international body. My country looks forward to a close and friendly association with Guyana in our approach to important international questions.