

following points (and I quote):

"Peace-keeping is one of the few useful instruments that the international community has developed to help promote peaceful solutions to disputes.... But all too often peace-keeping reduces the incentives of the disputants to move beyond the mere cessation of hostilities to a serious search for a political settlement. Consequently, sceptics charge that United Nations peace-keeping does little more than perpetuate an uneasy status quo. If peace-keeping is to be truly effective it must be accompanied by a parallel effort on the political level, especially by the parties most directly concerned, to convert the temporary peace that a peacekeeping force is asked to maintain into something more durable."

One of our principal interests in Cyprus relates to the well-being of the people of the island, and more particularly to the humanitarian problems that resulted from the conflict of July 1974. The contribution that UNFICYP has been able to make on a daily basis to the alleviation of these problems is substantial and we are gratified that, through our participation in UNFICYP, we have been able to contribute to this important work. In addition, Canada has joined many other members of the international community in contributing to the equally-important work in Cyprus of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross. For our part, the Canadian Government, pursuant to the General Assembly's Resolution 3212, has already provided relief assistance in the amount of \$375,000 to the two major international relief organizations operating in Cyprus. Much has already been accomplished in this humanitarian field by UNFICYP, the UNHCR and the ICRC, but much still remains to be done. Their combined efforts are deserving of the collective and continuing financial support of the world community.

Finally, as Canadians, we are concerned about Cyprus because of the disruptive effect that problems there have on the relations between various of our close friends, as well as on the prospects for peace and security in the whole Eastern Mediterranean area. In the demographic mosaic of Canada, we have many citizens of Greek, Turkish and Cypriot origin, all of whom are concerned about developments in the Republic of Cyprus. But I should like to emphasize that their concern is shared by all Canadians of whatever origin and by the Government of Canada as well.

Against this background, it seems only appropriate for Canada to