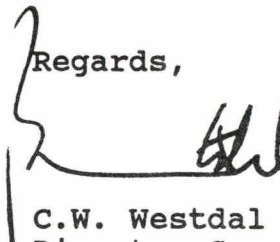


in a matter of minutes - are preceded by hours and even days of informal meetings and bilateral consultations undertaken with the authority of the Council President. Canada's month on the Council was one of vigorous consultation; many of our initiatives bore fruit only in November and December.

Looking ahead to the next twelve months, we can assure you that Canada will continue to play a vigorous Security Council role. Building on our already solid reputation as a trustworthy conciliator, we hope to contribute to a strengthening of the United Nations in a period of dramatic global change.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'C.W. Westdal', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

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