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Mr. Jamieson addresses United Nations General Assembly

A review of Canada's position as a contributor of peacekeeping forces in Cyprus, Israel's rights to participate in the United Nations General Assembly, institutional change, terrorism, disarmament, and the law of the sea were some of the topics in an address by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Don Jamieson, to the UNGA on September 29.

Peacekeeping in Cyprus

In his speech, his first since becoming the External Affairs Minister on September 15, Mr. Jamieson said the costs of the Cyprus force were running \$40 million over the contributions collected and that only a dozen or so members had contributed to the special account in the first six months of this year.

"I can only conclude Mr. President," he said, "that unless the dispute moves toward settlement soon my Government will have to review its position as a troop contributor in Cyprus."

At a news conference later, the Minister said Canada's decision would "depend on a better show of financial support."

Israel's right to membership

The Canadian Government believed, he said in his speech, that once a nation had been granted membership in the UN, it should remain a member. "We hold that it would be a dangerous

precedent to recommend expulsion of a member state on the grounds of violation of the principles of the Charter, unless this is the consensus of the whole membership.... We also hear threats from time to time to suspend the right of Israel to participate in the General Assembly. Canada would oppose such action. To deprive members of their rights...on grounds not justified by the Charter makes a mockery of the Assembly. Our purpose is to debate the issues, not to stifle them," said the Minister.

Institutional change

Regarding institutional changes, Mr. Jamieson said that as a matter of principle, the Canadian Government would maintain its complete support of all UN organs of which it was a member and would "regret any trend towards the boycotting of UN institutions, or the unilateral reduction of assessed contributions to UN agencies, even though certain of their activities may be regarded by some states as harmful or irregular.... Nevertheless, we believe it is unwise to press resolutions to a vote on issues which deeply divide the membership. Canada regrets for example that the campaign against racial discrimination, on which there is wide consensus, should be associated with Zionism, about which there is profound disagreement. If this link is maintained, my Government will not participate in the conference to be held in 1978 on racial discrimination," stated the Minister.

Peace and security

Speaking of southern Africa, Mr. Jamieson paid tribute "to the patient diplomacy of the Secretary of State of the United States" and he welcomed "the apparent change of mind in Pretoria and Salisbury" which may have been achieved by Dr. Kissinger. The Canadian Government agreed, he said, that the early independence of Namibia and Rhodesia on the basis of majority rule was essential to peace in America. Canada "believes as well that South

Mr. Trudeau's impending visit to Japan

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Trudeau will be in Japan from October 20 to 26 on an official visit at the invitation of the Japanese Prime Minister.

During his stay, Mr. Trudeau will meet with Emperor Hirohito and will discuss political, economic cultural matters with the Prime Minister, other Cabinet Ministers and representatives of the Japanese business community. He will also address the Japan National Press Club.