

operations under the general authority of the Security Council, with a system of shared responsibilities among the Security Council, the Secretary-General, the troop contributors and the parties directly concerned in the field. This organization can scarcely afford to neglect any instrument which might have a contribution to make in helping to defuse situations of armed conflict. It is the hope of my Government that member states will continue to give this problem the attention it deserves.

...I have touched upon a few of the pressing political and economic problems that demand the attention of this Assembly. But I have dwelt upon two major problems of security -- peace-keeping and the proliferation of nuclear explosive devices. As the Secretary-General has pointed out the proliferation of nuclear explosive devices could help to "create almost unimaginable dangers for the survival of our civilization and the human race". I do not, therefore, apologize for my preoccupation with these problems.

Mr. President, I would not wish to conclude my remarks without paying tribute to the work of the Secretary-General and his staff at headquarters and throughout the world in carrying forward the wide spectrum of tasks that challenge our organization. In the introduction to the Secretary-General's report he said the following: "We are reminded every day of how thin the margin is between order and chaos, between sufficiency and desperate want, between peace and annihilation. If we wish to overcome the vast anxieties and uncertainties of our time, we have to make a conscious and concerted effort to change course and to make some of our stated objectives into realities."

At this twenty-ninth session, the Canadian delegation pledges itself to work with all other delegations to move towards our common goals.

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