

In the light of considerations such as these, the Canadian Government is under no illusion as to the magnitude of the task of bringing about the eradication of *apartheid*. It must be recognized, however, that change in the South African racial situation must ultimately come from within South Africa itself. The question of how that change can be achieved is very much of concern to my Government. We shall never condone a situation in which the majority of the people of a country are denied fundamental rights of participation in the social, economic and political life of that country; equally, we cannot condone the encouragement of the use of violent means to achieve the required changes. We welcome the fact that the Organization of African Unity continues to advocate a peaceful resolution of the problems of Southern Africa, as we welcome the statements of many African leaders to the effect that peace in Southern Africa is of great importance to Africa and to the world. My Government feels that this self-evident fact cannot be stressed too forcefully.

The United Nations should resist extreme or counter-productive measures born of frustration and fatigue at South Africa's intransigence, and pursue activities aimed at making the minority regime and population recognize that it must effect fundamental change. In this sense the Canadian Government opposed the *de facto* suspension of South Africa from the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly. We regret their absence from the thirtieth session of the General Assembly, as we continue to believe that the greatest hope of effecting change in South Africa lies in the constant exposure of its people and government to the expression of international condemnation of their country's policies and practices.

In this connection I wish to note specifically the work of the Special Committee against *apartheid* and its efforts to expose the injustices of the *apartheid* system. Such pragmatic measures hold out greater promise for the eventual elimination of *apartheid* in South Africa than do those born of despair. For its part, my Government will continue to do everything feasible to encourage the positive evolution of the racial situation in South Africa and the end of the *apartheid* system.

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