

If it is important to condemn human rights violations, it is also important to acknowledge when efforts are being made to improve a situation. Among these we would cite the creation of a Ministry of Human Rights in Pakistan. In India, we would note the normalization of the situation in the Punjab and the holding of elections in Kashmir. Haiti and El Salvador have made significant progress on human rights, and their efforts to sustain this progress deserve the full support of the international community. Even in countries where the situation has improved, however, much remains to be done and vigilance is still required.

Madam Chairman,

Canada is not here to play politics. Nor are we here to interfere in the affairs of others. The dignity of the human person is beyond politics, and human rights everywhere are everyone's affair. Canada's only object here is to promote universal respect for universal standards. That is the appeal we make to all Member States, and that is the obligation of all Member States.