

INFLUENCE AND SHAPE EVENTS IS MUCH MORE LIMITED. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS A WORTHWHILE AND EFFECTIVE ROLE FOR CANADA WHICH RECENT EVENTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED.

IN RECENT WEEKS SECRETARY VANCE AND I HAVE BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SPECIFICALLY, IN SEEKING TO BRING ALL SIDES TO ACCEPT A UNITED NATIONS SOLUTION TO THE TRANSFER OF POLITICAL AUTHORITY IN NAMIBIA. I HAVE ADMIRERD THE ENERGY, PERSISTENCE AND COMPASSION THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAS BROUGHT TO THESE MEETINGS.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN SEEKING A MEANS OF MOVING THE TROUBLED ISLAND AND PEOPLES OF CYPRUS TOWARDS THAT ELUSIVE GOAL OF HARMONISING TWO COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE LONG KNOWN MISTRUST AND CONFLICT. CANADIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKING UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN CYPRUS FOR MANY YEARS. CYPRUS IS A SISTER NATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH, ONE WHOSE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN A CLOSE CONCERN TO US FOR MANY YEARS.

MR. SECRETARY, WE MUST PERSIST IN THIS ARDUOUS TASK. WE MUST FIND SOME WAY OUT OF THIS PERENNIAL STALEMATE.

THESE ARE A FEW INSTANCES WHERE WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE SCOPE FOR USEFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE WORLD SCENE. THERE ARE MANY OTHER