

Thank you very much.

I am honoured to have the opportunity to be with you and particularly with Archbishop Scott and to be part of a ceremony that does honour to you.

I was thinking on the way in tonight through Pearson International Airport that Lester Pearson must be wondering just what it was that people had in for him when they named things like that airport in his honour. I think he is substantially redeemed tonight by the medal that is offered not only in his name, but offered in acknowledgement of principles for which he stood and through him became identified with the country. Principles which were certainly embodied by Archbishop Scott.

I think the language of the Pearson Peace Medal is very appropriate. It reads that it is an award presented to "a Canadian who through voluntary and other efforts has personally most contributed to those causes for which Lester B. Pearson stood - aid to the developing world; mediating between those confronting one another with arms; succour to refugees and others in need; and peaceful change through world law and world organization."

Many of us have had the privilege of working with Archbishop Scott or have known him for some time. I first came to know him a quarter century ago. Our closest work, naturally, has been since he accepted the invitation of the Prime Minister to serve as the Canadian member on the Eminent Persons Group which went, at a time of very real tension and searching, into southern Africa on behalf of perhaps "the" organization which has the best auspices, the best chance of drawing people together in that very troubled subcontinent. They went in and looked for solutions and talked to people and emerged with a set of observations and recommendations that still in our judgment provide the best basis for a peaceful end to Apartheid in South Africa.

I think it is worth reviewing briefly the specifics of their recommendations because they do remain the best basis for an agreement. The Eminent Persons Group called on the South African government to:

- (a) declare that the system of Apartheid will be dismantled and specific and meaningful action taken in fulfilment of that intent;
- (b) terminate the existing state of emergency;
- (c) release immediately and unconditionally Nelson Mandela and all others imprisoned and detained for their opposition to Apartheid;