

economic and other constructive proposals which are within the grasp of the States of that area if this draft resolution accomplishes the objectives which we and the other co-sponsors have in mind.

### Objectives of Resolution

I have spoken about the results which we are confident would flow from individual parts of the draft resolution, but I would revert to the thought that I expressed earlier, that the draft resolution be assessed as a comprehensive approach which attempts to reconcile widely divergent points of view. It deserves careful study for it points the way to constructive action through and by the United Nations.

The draft resolution does not attempt to apportion responsibility for the past in relation to the problems of the Middle East. It does not invite the Assembly to commend or condemn the national policies that any of us has pursued. It asks us all to recognize the situation that exists de facto, and outlines a course of action which, if we all pursued it scrupulously, could lead us out of that situation. It requires good will, it requires restraint, and it will require the best efforts of the Secretary-General, on whose shoulders we have perforce to place so heavy a load.

It is our hope in commending this draft resolution to the Assembly that every one of us will find it possible to endorse it. This, I believe, is a moment in the history of the United Nations where a conventional majority is not enough. In the minds of some this may not be a perfectly balanced draft resolution, but time does not always work on the side of peace. It is important to make a beginning, and a beginning in the right direction. If we could all -- and I address this argument directly to the members of the Soviet delegation -- vote for this draft resolution, we would have made a start -- a transforming start -- in the slow process of bringing order and mutual respect into our several approaches to the questions relating to the Middle East. This emergency session of the General Assembly thus would make a great, a unique, contribution towards the foundation of peace in an area from which war could all too easily come.

I am not saying this by way of winding up my remarks, but I say it very solemnly and with deep feeling. Humanity today awaits our decisions. Will we fail humanity?