

we have taken this opportunity to have you, as persons outside the public service noted for your knowledge of and interest in the United Nations, participate in arriving at an assessment of how best Canada can contribute to the work of the United Nations.

The first chapter of the review refers to the opportunity for self-realization that the United Nations offers to its members. To a great extent our very membership in the United Nations has influenced the direction and preoccupations of Canadian foreign policy. Our response to the demands of United Nations membership has had an appreciable effect on our economic relations, our defence establishment, our political horizons.

Now the time has come to take a new look and consider the future. In thinking of the future we will have to have in mind the past. The best of the past in the United Nations has, in my view, called forth what has been best in Canada. I hope therefore that in your deliberations you will take into account Canada's obligations and responsibilities to the rest of the international community as well as our responsibilities towards Canada's national interest and the satisfaction of the needs and aspirations of the people of Canada.

I hope too that as a result of the discussions at this seminar and of other discussions our future participation in the work of the United Nations will be undertaken with a renewed sense of what is our purpose and a clearer understanding of how best we can fulfill it.