

**Concern over
sanctions**

Canada believes that the way must be left open for the pursuit of an internationally-acceptable settlement. It is with that in mind that we contemplate with deepest concern the call for sanctions before this Council. Such a course, we believe, would probably put an end to United Nations' efforts and could indefinitely delay progress towards Namibian independence.

The frustrations of the international community over the failure to bring the United Nations' effort to a successful conclusion are fully shared by Canada and our colleagues in the Western Five. At this time, when the chances of early progress seem low, the negotiation process must be intensified and every effort made to build on the substantial body of work which has gone into the issue so far. It is essential to retain support for a negotiated solution and to avoid unnecessarily putting obstacles in that path. My government urges the Security Council to reiterate that support and reaffirms its own commitment to the ultimate goal of self-determination for the Namibian people.

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