

be no lessening of our resolve to see the end of the present illegal minority Rhodesian regime and for that reason we must redouble our efforts and our commitment to peaceful means. Otherwise, whatever the eventual outcome it will have about it the smell of failure and the sad realization that good can only be achieved through death and destruction.

Middle East

In the Middle East the issues are even more complex and the dangers to world security proportionately greater. All of us are hoping that present initiatives and negotiations will prove successful and today, as in the past, Canada urges all concerned to recognize fully their awesome responsibility to make every effort, explore every avenue that can lead to a peaceful and permanent solution to longstanding differences.

Canada remains committed to the framework for peace embodied in United Nations resolutions 242 and 338. Our support for Israel's right to exist as defined by those resolutions is firm and unequivocal. We deplore and will continue to do so, all efforts within this Assembly and elsewhere, to attribute patently false motives to Israel or to diminish its status and rights within the United Nations or as a legitimate member of the world community.

Canada believes all countries in the region need and have a right to expect more than just another ceasefire or merely a formal end to belligerency. If this kind of peace is to be achieved, the crucial issues of territory must be solved. The only truly secure borders - those which are freely recognized by the parties on either side of them - must be determined, by negotiations, within the framework of Resolution 242. Until then, we believe that nothing should be done unilaterally or illegally to change or predetermine the status of any part of the occupied territories. We regret that such actions are still being taken without regard to their effect on the prospects for peace. It is also clear that any resolution of territorial issues, if it is indeed to bring about the lasting peace that all desire, must provide a just, humanitarian and political solution for the Palestinian Arab people by which they can live in peace without threatening the security of any country in the region. Any solution for the Palestinian Arabs must, of course, include their clear and unequivocal acceptance of Israel's permanent existence as their neighbour. During this Assembly, we should bring our weight to bear to bring about an early resumption of negotiations and not attempt to substitute empty debates or one-sided resolutions for the complicated, slow, but essential process of working out a settlement by the parties themselves.

Obviously the Middle East situation has reached a crucial stage. For all concerned these are days of opportunity. We must pray that they act wisely and with a full awareness of the awful consequences of unwise actions.

For whenever there is a potential for conflict these days we must not only contemplate localized limited hostilities, as frightful as these always are. We know that each new flare-up wherever it occurs in the world is a potential threat to us all and even to world survival. We must remind those who would risk the use of arms that they are endangering more than the lives of their own people. Every weapon fired in anger is aimed, potentially, at us all. Thus we have a right and a duty to speak out; for what is at stake is in truth the peace of Canada and of every other country in the world.