

training and international liaison in the field of arms control and disarmament verification. Disarmament Week will also be an occasion to ponder anew the origins of the United Nations, on the ashes of the unrestrained expression of national self-interest, when "We the peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war..."

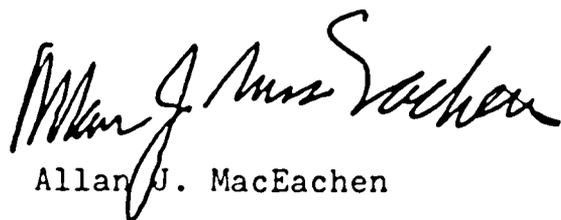
The United Nations Charter enshrines many of the highest ideals of humanity. Despite their manifestly imperfect implementation, these ideals have not changed, but remain as valid today as they were when they were formulated. The United Nations can work, and can be made to work more effectively if we, its members, want it to do so. This was the theme of my address to the General Assembly, in which I suggested several modest but practical ways for strengthening the working partnership between your position and the Security Council.

Let us not forget either the successes of the United Nations. The unsung hard work, day in and day out, of the specialized agencies and other parts of the U.N. system, has brought about many valuable accomplishments, for example the elimination of smallpox worldwide. The peace has been kept in several troubled regions, providing time for the indispensable process of negotiating lasting settlements of disputes. The slow but steady development of international law, and of human rights instruments since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the 35th anniversary of which we will soon celebrate, has made the world a safer place for both countries and individuals. These positive developments should encourage us to overcome the difficulties we face today.

Prime Minister Trudeau was very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet with you recently, as I was earlier this year. We applaud your determination to address and redress the shortcomings of the United Nations, and to strengthen in practical ways the U.N.'s ability to meet the economic and political challenges of our times.

On behalf of all Canadians, I wish to assure you that, in your continuing endeavours to strengthen the United Nations, you can count on Canada's unwavering support.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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