

We believe that the United Nations should be dynamic in its approach to the questions brought before it. This Organization must be free to develop if it is to meet new situations. In my view, its capacity can be greatly increased if member governments are ready to make fuller use of its possibilities.

At this Session the outlook is darkened by the grave dangers the world is facing and by the serious internal problems of this Organization. Peoples everywhere are watching these developments fearfully. They are asking themselves whether nuclear war, which in recent years has been considered unthinkable, is now not only being considered possible but is accepted as inevitable. The gravest danger we face is a drift into nuclear war. I am sure all members realized this.

But at this time of tension and danger we must not be dominated by fear and panic. The very seriousness of the situation demands that we keep calm and think clearly about our predicament. Actually I believe this to be the mood of the Assembly.

We have a very immediate responsibility to use our full influence to reduce the causes of tension. To do this we must enable the United Nations to act effectively - and all countries - large and small - must stand firmly behind this world organization.