

reluctance of the council members to agree to hold regular informal meetings in private in which the council members can review current and potential crises with the Secretary-General.

- Second, by ensuring that multilateral negotiations and discussions, under the United Nations, spur on and complement bilateral efforts to make progress on nuclear issues and other vital questions of arms control and disarmament.
- Third, by improving the UN General Assembly's performance in its consideration of political issues. It cannot just be a safety valve to let governments blow off steam. We must ensure that the same ritualistic debates are not repeated each year. Its debates and resolutions, rather than hardening divisions, should point the way toward realistic but equitable solutions.

And fourth, by exposing irresponsible management wherever it appears in the UN system, including urgently UNESCO. We must not allow politicization to frustrate the UN's essential work.

Let us use the UN's 40th anniversary year not just as a commemorative occasion but to launch a process of reform of those parts of the UN system which need it. Let us celebrate the UN's strengths, such as UNICEF. But let us also address ourselves to its problems with diligence and patience, with realism and tenacity. And let us always be guided by our Canadian vision of a more equitable and more effective community of nations.

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