

building societies with social and economic justice for all their citizens. These will stand as proof that there is no foundation for the racist arguments of minority regimes that stability, justice and civilization will be undermined should the majority African peoples of their countries be permitted a full and equal voice in the government of those countries.

An essential element of Canadian foreign policy is that we trade in peaceful goods with all countries, even those with whose politics we are in profound disagreement, subject to our obligations under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. Canada will, of course, continue faithfully to implement all mandatory decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the obligations under the UN Charter. The Council will be influenced in its decisions by the nature of future developments, as they effect not only South Africa itself but also Zimbabwe and Namibia, and in that respect the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs said recently: "It is my judgment that, if there is not some movement, clear and visible in the foreseeable future, then we run the real risk in Southern Africa or seeing a very bloody conflict erupt...".

The Canadian Government believes it is essential at this stage to take fullest advantage, and to make constructive use, of any influence that can be brought to bear on the Government of South Africa by those countries that maintain relations with it. In this group of countries, let us be frank, the United States is pre-eminent and we are impressed by the resolve expressed by the new Administration to use its best efforts to achieve our common purpose. In our view, the Council as a whole should do everything possible to take advantage of it. Of course, we cannot be sure of the outcome, but that, in itself, cannot help but influence the future policies of governments whose position on these issues will be decisive.

We believe that the Security Council at this moment has the possibility to take a significant and constructive step. We hope that it will have the courage and wisdom to do just that. It is for this reason we consider it important that the Security Council, for a period, depart from the kind of approach that has so far proved ineffective, and instead adopt a declaration of principles on Southern Africa that will serve as a statement of purpose for all members of this Council in terms of our objectives in Southern Africa. The adoption by consensus of such a declaration will serve a dual purpose. It will, on the one hand, serve as an unequivocal declaration to the Government of South Africa of our intentions. On the other, it will serve as a clear description for the citizens of our countries of the policies of Security Council members towards these unresolved problems and thereby as a vehicle to mobilize public opinion towards our objectives. In other words, in pursuing this