

The Arabs have now reached the stage of questioning Israel's *bona fides* as a peace-loving member of the UN, thereby laying the groundwork to expel or suspend Israel or to deny Israel its rights of membership in the United Nations family of organizations. While we understand the deep resentments which have sparked these resolutions, Canada believes firmly in the principle of the universality of UN membership and cannot give any support to moves which run counter to this principle.

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As to Israel's long-term intentions we consider that Israeli and all other foreign forces should withdraw from Lebanon unconditionally and without delay. Until the Lebanon situation settles down, the prospects for negotiations on the Palestinian question remain minimal. The various peace initiatives demonstrate an encouraging new impetus in grappling with the Palestinian problem. We must hope that all sides will be prepared to compromise, although in the present climate of distrust created by the latest tragedies in West Beirut, compromise may be more difficult than it has ever been. But the attempt must be made. In particular, we hope Israel will find it possible to take a much less uncompromising position on the future of the occupied territories, as well as in its dealings with the inhabitants of those territories, so that there will be some incentive for them to join the peace process.

For their part, Arab governments and Palestinian leaders should understand the basis for Israel's fears about its long-term security, despite its present military predominance. They must make it unmistakably clear that, as part of a just settlement assuring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, they would agree to genuine and lasting peace with Israel. As Canadians, we should do our best to persuade the parties to move in the direction of real mutual accommodation and to make much greater efforts to understand the fears and preoccupations of the other side. Only on expanded mutual understanding can peace eventually be built.