

Southeast Asia, certain principles must be borne in mind which are recognized in Resolution A/34/L.13 which has been introduced by the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

The resolution reaffirms the right of all peoples to determine their own future free from outside interference. It then emphasizes that all states should refrain, in their international relations, from the threat or use of force against the sovereignty, territorial integrity or independence of any state and strictly adhere to the principles of peaceful settlement of disputes and of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states.

It is against these principles that we must measure the course of action designed to find a political solution to the long-term problems of Kampuchea and respond to the concerns of the states in Southeast Asia.

Accordingly, Canada has co-sponsored Resolution A/34/L.13 as providing the basis for the first tentative steps towards solution of these problems.

The resolution identifies elements of the current situation in Kampuchea: the threat to stability of Southeast Asia; regret for armed intervention; alarm at the potential of the conflict to spill over into neighbouring territories; distress at the refugee flow and the necessity for humanitarian relief.

The resolution then makes three points of paramount importance to the future of Kampuchea:

1. it calls upon parties to the conflict to cease hostilities forthwith;
2. it calls for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces from Kampuchea; and,
3. it urges settlement by peaceful means.

Canada endorses these points which, if acted upon with the real co-operation of all parties, should be the first steps towards resolution of the problem in Kampuchea and the establishment of conditions under which the people of Kampuchea may be free to choose their own government. It is equally important to note that the resolution requests the Secretary-General to investigate the situation and to exercise his good offices in order to contribute to a peaceful solution to the problem.

Canada urges all member states to support Resolution A/34/L.13, for its focus is on the future, on co-operation and constructive action. We call upon all nations to support the Secretary-General and to use all influence at their disposal to ensure that the situation in Kampuchea does not end in greater tragedy.

We welcome the increasing co-operation extended by Vietnam and the Heng Samrin administration in the humanitarian relief effort and applaud the response of member states to the call for aid. In the final analysis, however, the plight of the Kampuchean people and the instability of Indochina will not be alleviated without political decisions and action. Whether galvanized by humanitarian concerns or political

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