

I would like to remind the Government that Canada was the first western country to actively support China's admission to the UN back in 1971, as we were reminded in the House by our Leader. Our role, therefore, will be critical in arriving at a solution to a situation that involves one of the most internationally powerful countries whose very mood affects the peace and security of our planet.

In closing, I would like to thank members of all three Parties for lending their unanimous support to the resolution which we just passed in this House. The summary of the resolution needs repeating. It states:

That this House—unequivocally condemn this brutal use of force against the peaceful populace of Beijing and call upon the authorities of China to cease this senseless killing and immediately adopt a course of dialogue with the people of China.

**Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland):** Mr. Speaker, it is with heaviness that I rise this evening to voice the outrage, the profound disappointment and the moral condemnation felt by Canadians because of the brutal, evil act that has occurred on the part of the Chinese Government in oppressing well-meaning, freedom-loving people, especially the students and the workers of China. There is not a Canadian who has been watching television in the last week or 10 days who is not appalled by what has happened over the last 48 hours in China.

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We all stand here to condemn the Government of China. The military of China have personally acted against the students, but it is the Government of China that must take responsibility for this act. We condemn that government for their acts. However, it is important as we stand here this evening, each of us individually condemning the acts of the Government of China, that we remember the acts of the students and remember to applaud the students of China and do whatever we can to support them and let them know that we will never forget their model of non-violent confrontation with the authorities of their country.

I personally was breathless over the last days as I watched the news broadcasts coming out of Tiananmen Square. As I watched the proceedings, I could not believe that if a group of students in the same numbers with the same emotion were gathered together in a square in North America, that we would see the same

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demonstration as we saw in Tiananmen Square. It was a scene of non-violence, of love, of caring, one person for another, committed togetherness, but most important there was a great show of non-violence. We must take our lesson from the students of China and the workers who stood with them to confront their government and the difficult situation they were facing at the time. The recent history that they demonstrated to us showed not only their hope but filled us with hope that there were other ways and means of resolving difficult conflicts in our world.

The Government of China has now violated international principles of human rights. We cannot watch this happen without a reaction. We do have a reaction. We have the reaction of the millions of Canadians, coast to coast in this country, who are all affected by the scene that has taken place in our living rooms. The reaction of the Government of Canada must occur at different levels. Tonight we have all supported the resolution of condemnation against the Government of China. On the other hand, as a second action we must look at our aid and trade programs with China. As has been said earlier, Canada at the moment is contributing about \$36 million in bilateral assistance, that is, government to government assistance to China. As the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) said, we cannot in our condemnation of the Government confuse the issue and end up by condemning the people of China. We must try to assist them however we can. But government to government assistance is not going to help the people of China at this time. I think that this Government must look for ways and means of supporting the people of China through non-government organizations' activities.

We must look at our trade with China. The value of Canadian exports to China at the present time is \$2.6 billion, while the value of imports from China to Canada at the present time is about \$955 million. We must consider what we are importing to Canada. As thousands of students in Tiananmen Square have sacrificed their lives and their hopes for peace and democracy in their country, perhaps it is time for Canadians to look at what we can sacrifice to help these people to achieve peace and democracy in their country. Do we really need imported clothing, footwear, electronics in this country that are produced in China? These things must be looked at.