

his Holiness Pope Paul VI. In his words: "Once more we repeat our wish for you: 'Go forward'. We shall say more: 'Strive to bring back among you any who may have left you; consider means of calling into your pact of brotherhood in honour and loyalty those who do not yet share in it. Act so that those still outside will desire and deserve the confidence of all; and then be generous in granting it'."

We are under no illusion that a more genuinely universal organization will necessarily be able to solve all the problems to which solutions have stubbornly eluded us so far. On the contrary, we do not exclude the possibility that the injection of new and perhaps radically different points of view may -- in the short run at least -- retard rather than accelerate the momentum of our work.

But there are advantages in the conception of universality which we cannot discount. Even if a more broadly based UN is not able to find solutions to some of the crucial problems of peace and security which confront us in the world today, it will at least have established a much better claim to bringing these problems within the framework of its discussions. Moreover, it seems to me that, if the UN is to be "a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations" in the attainment of common ends as the Charter intended it to be, then it must be concerned to bring into its deliberations at least those nations which are bound to have to assume a major share of responsibility.

By way of conclusion let me say this. Canada believes that we must stop marking time on this issue. We must try to end the stalemate which has attended our discussions for a full 16 years. We think the proposal to set up a committee falls short of what is required at this time in the way of specific directives. Nevertheless, the committee does afford us an opportunity of moving forward if we are prepared to seize that opportunity and provided the committee is so constituted as to enable forward movement to be made.

We think that what is at issue here is the capacity of the UN to live up to the purposes of the Charter to represent the world as it is and to bring the great weight of its influence to bear on the issues of peace and security. Although, in the nature of things, we can only move forward on the basis of resolutions, I think I have made it clear that, in our view, this issue is not amenable to solution on that basis alone. It will require the exercise of diplomacy, goodwill and accommodation on all sides, both within our organization and without. If that is the spirit in which the solution of this issue is approached, then I am not unhopeful that we may be able to unblock the road to progress towards making the UN a more effective, a more representative and a more credible forum of international deliberation and action.

---

S/C