

on their behalf should take into account the situation as it is in covering realistic proposals which have some substantive chance to effect change". In present-day circumstances, it is imperative that we not be diverted from this task.

Canada is ready to work towards progress where progress is possible. We should emphasize the practical over the theoretical and resist polemics. We should not become so fascinated with tactics, either now or at the Special Session next year, that opportunities for progress will be missed. No procedural victory, no recourse to divisive vote will substitute for realism and restraint and the search for the possible.

There is one final consideration: the ability of the United Nations to deal with the critical matters of arms control and international security. Ultimately, the success this institution achieves in real arms control is a test of the credibility of this organization in these demanding times.

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