

In draft resolution L. 26 on solidarity with the liberation struggle, there is much that Canada can support. Further releases of political prisoners, lifting restrictions on organizations and individuals, and ending the state of emergency are goals we have long pressed for and would help to create a climate for genuine negotiations. Our assistance to the people of South Africa is substantial, growing and takes many forms. Our assistance to the Front Line States and SADCC countries who suffer from destabilization is larger still. However, even as we look to the launching of a real dialogue on fundamental change, we should stress that violence from any quarter makes this hope more distant, not closer. We cannot condone the use of violence, whether to maintain apartheid or to oppose it, and thus Canada cannot support language which seeks to justify armed struggle. At the same time we have noted and welcomed the newly expressed preference for peaceful means.

Mr. President,

Canada this year will move to an abstention on draft resolution L.28 dealing with comprehensive and mandatory sanctions. We agree that sanctions work and that Pretoria is beginning to feel their effect. We have