

need for a full and adequate explanation of the incident. It reaffirms the relevant principles of international law. The resolution both deplores this tragedy and calls on the international community to strengthen the safety of international civil aviation through the ICAO. It invites the Secretary-General to conduct a thorough investigation with the full co-operation of all states, which is intended to include, of course, the Soviet Union. The thrust and content of this resolution thereby reflect the concerns and objectives of the Canadian government. We have listened carefully to all the speakers in this debate and we believe that the resolution reflects equally the comments of other concerned countries. This is not a rhetorical resolution; it is intended to be, and in our judgment it is, positive and balanced.

My government believes the resolution before us merits the support of all members of the Security Council and the wider international community.

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