

In this age of air travel and steadily diminishing distances, the nations of the world can no longer afford the luxury of hatred or even indifference towards other nations.

Your Association has demonstrated that fact by working for and bringing about ever-increasing international harmony and co-operation among the air transport companies of the world. You are encouraging those of us who have responsibility for the government of our nations to realize that complex international problems can be solved and that given good will and a community of interest, mutually helpful agreements are possible. And in the unhappy and unhealthy atmosphere that exists in so much of the world today such examples help us to resist the temptation to throw up our hands in despair before the apparent intransigence of some nations. No contribution towards international harmony could be greater than the encouragement set by your example and, knowing that they will be echoed by my fellow Canadians, I am pleased to repeat my words of welcome and my sincerest wishes for a successful meeting.

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