

We have fought when necessary to preserve the independence of nations.

We have surrendered sovereignty when necessary to join with other countries in working for world peace, global prosperity, a sound environment and human rights.

For example, when you establish a treaty on the ozone layer you are involved to some degree in surrendering sovereignty as we classically and narrowly define it. That part of the nature of what we try to do effectively internationally which is inherently part of the nature of who we are at home has to do with finding creative ways in which countries collectively are prepared to sacrifice some of their sovereignty in the interests of a more effective order.

We have contributed ceaselessly as a country to peacemaking, to peacekeeping and to the attack on the socio-economic conditions that breed war and instability.

We have contributed to arms control since the days when Canada was the first country with the capacity to make nuclear weapons to renounce all intention of doing so.

We have contributed to international development and reconstruction since World War II and have sought to make our assistance effective and impartial, targeted on those who needed it most.

We have reached out to our partners in the Commonwealth and La Francophonie to bolster their role on the world stage and to make common cause with them on issues such as Apartheid.

We have worked ceaselessly to make the U.N. an effective instrument for pursuing the lofty goals which remain the dream of mankind.

And we have been able to balance conflicting pressures from alliance partners and countries and communities around the world to the satisfaction of the great majority of members of the world community.

That is no mean feat. That is why we were elected to the Security Council. Those are the principles that will guide us when we face the "one damned thing after another" that makes up the daily diet of U.N. activities.

It has been a great privilege to have the opportunity to be with you and particularly to be part of a presentation honouring Archbishop Scott.