

All problems which are of concern to the members of the United Nations cannot be resolved merely by the votes we cast in this Assembly. Indeed this is not the way to resolve many of the problems which arise between states. The peoples of the continent of Africa should be full of hope for the future. Are there not countless examples in the history of the nations represented here where problems of a seemingly intractable nature have ultimately been resolved by discussion and negotiation? Is it too much to expect that South Africa and the other African states will agree to meet to discuss and seek solutions to their problems in the common interest? If there is anything my country could do to assist in this connection we would only be too happy to do so. The Canadian Government will make known shortly the action it has taken in response to the resolution passed on August 7 by the Security Council.

Mr. Chairman, the Canadian Government has demonstrated the deep concern with which it views the problem before the Committee, and its strongest disapproval of the present racial policies of the South African Government. My Delegation will continue to judge on their merits proposals brought before this Committee which are directed towards the peaceful solution of this important and difficult problem.