

MR. CHAIRMAN,

I HAVE JUST COME FROM DUNMANUS BAY IN IRELAND, WHERE, ON A PROMONTORY OF LAND WHOSE GAELIC NAME MEANS THE PENINSULA OF THE DEAD, FAMILIES AND AUTHORITIES FROM IRELAND, INDIA AND CANADA DEDICATED A MEMORIAL TO THE 329 PASSENGERS AND CREW WHO DIED IN THE EXPLOSION OF AIR INDIA FLIGHT 182. AS WE DISCUSSED LAST YEAR, TERRORISTS RESPECT NEITHER INNOCENCE NOR LAW, AND CIVILIZED NATIONS MUST CONTINUE OUR WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES OF TERRORISM, AND BRING ITS PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE. CANADA WILL CONTINUE IN THAT SPIRIT AND, DURING THESE MEETINGS I WANT TO CIRCULATE, FOR YOUR LATER COMMENT, A DRAFT TREATY ON AIRPORT SECURITY AND PROTECTION WHICH WE INTEND TO SUBMIT IN THE FALL TO THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I WAS HEARTENED THAT THE FIRST JOINT DECLARATION OF YOUR 19TH ANNUAL MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK CONCERNED SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE RECENT COMMONWEALTH REPORT CONFIRMS THAT THOUSANDS OF LIVES WILL BE LOST UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT IN PRETORIA BEGINS SERIOUSLY TO MOVE AWAY FROM APARTHEID. I WANT TO READ INTO THE RECORD ONE CONCLUSION OF THAT COMMONWEALTH REPORT: