

reflects our member states' ability to pay. We hope that the current General Assembly will make this issue one of its priorities.

Mr. Chairman, in the final analysis, the future of the United Nations depends on the willingness of its member states to lend it political and practical support. This support depends in turn on the support the organization receives from our citizenries. It is not only our credibility that is on the line but, more important, that of the UN.

Governments must work together and hand in hand with the private and non-governmental sectors to spell out together our vision of the UN in the next century. This is in part why the Canadian government has provided support to the Canadian Committee for the 50th Anniversary of the UN.

Our committee, which brings together leaders from all sectors, has prepared a remarkable activity program to commemorate this anniversary country-wide. The emphasis is being placed on youth education and on the main themes on the UN agenda.

All eyes will be turned toward this Assembly at the same time next year. Let us make this anniversary the beginning of a new era for the United Nations.

Thank you.