and respect, could be accepted as a welcome and strong member of the African community of nations and could resume its place as a member in good standing of these United Nations.

Mr. Chairman, the views I have expressed are the result of the most searching review of all the conflicting considerations involved in this difficult problem. Last Friday Canada voted with the overwhelming majority on a resolution dealing with a specific aspect of the apartheid problem. We did not do so lightly, for a principle was at stake which could have incalculable consequences if applied to other States in which the concern of this Organization about the domestic policies of one of its members was less clear and less justifiable. We were aware that other examples exist of similar shortcomings in the practices of other member States. We voted to join in the condemnation of South Africa because we wished to reaffirm our total opposition to a policy which is an affront to human dignity. In short, we concluded that this was a situation in which the conscience of mankind was so aroused that no other honourable course at this juncture was open to the 106 members who expressed their condemnation of this policy.

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.