

as dangerous as overt and direct aggression; that some administrative dividing lines and access routes are just as sensitive as recognized international boundaries; and that the Charter of the United Nations specifically and properly permits the use of force in self-defence.

With these considerations in mind and in consultation with Canada's allies, I shall be happy to have Canadian representatives in the appropriate forum take part in discussion of the questions raised in your letter and in this and other replies to it, to see whether we can arrive at understandings and agreements which genuinely further the cause of peace, security and mutual trust in the world.

Yours sincerely,

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