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aims to make Canadian children aware of the cultures and conditions of the other children on "Spaceship Earth".

Surely the International Year of the Child will have no global benefits unless it galvanizes our attention on the 350 million children in developing countries who do not have access to even the minimum of health services, nutrition and education. These children — and their children — cannot achieve the rights we proclaim for them unless the conditions of absolute poverty are wiped out. Compassion for a suffering child is empty unless accompanied by a determination to establish conditions of economic and social justice to grow up in.

To guarantee a child freedom from hunger means guaranteeing at least one of his parents a job and a decent wage. To guarantee a child fresh air and clean water requires a degree of international co-operation not yet attained. A child's right to affection and security is mocked by those who perpetuate violence, those who enslave him in child labour, those who commit vast sums of money to elitist development when the human needs are so great. Recognizing that we cannot banish overnight all the evils that invade childhood, let us at least end the International Year of the Child resolute in our commitment to respond to the physical, spiritual, emotional, and cultural needs of children in every region of the world.

As we make decisions in our own countries and in this international body, let us respond favourably to these questions: "What do children need for their optimal development?" "What do parents require to help them meet these needs?" "What public policies are needed to enhance family life?"

It is in this spirit of continuing and universal concern for the needs of children that Canada commends the draft resolution now before this body. The children of every race, every region, every religion, every culture, deserve the unanimous passage of this resolution because it reaffirms the continuing rights of all our children. To build on the enthusiasm generated by this Special Year is the challenge we face.