

effort in their attempts to delegitimize the Jewish state. Israel has been accused of being the perpetrator of every crime and the cause of every injustice. The venom which is allowed to flow against Israel has paralyzed much of the work of the U.N. and its various agencies. Resources have been squandered on propaganda campaigns designed to undermine western values. And the democracies have been subjected to diatribes on the failings of the West by regimes who flagrantly violate every norm of civilized behaviour in their treatment of their own citizens.

We should never lose sight of the fact that the U.N. is only a means for achieving a better world and not an end in itself. If our goals are perverted, if our participation causes us to compromise what we as a nation stand for, then it is time to give serious consideration to finding other roads which will lead us towards our goals.

While B'nai Brith does not advocate that Canada at present opt out of the United Nations, it does believe that Canada has the right and duty to withdraw from the General Assembly and individual agencies of the U.N. if the institutions are not amenable to reform. Of all the U.N. agencies, UNESCO has strayed furthest from its original purposes. Our two closest allies, the United States and Great Britain have concluded that this agency could not at present be sufficiently reformed to