

An important concern of the Canadian Delegation will be the possibility of these proposals realizing their stated objectives.

Conclusion

Mr. President, the balance sheet of our achievement is written each year in this debate. I have tried today to signify several areas of endeavour which demand particular attention if the United Nations is to develop as a potent force for peace in the world. But I suggest that our collective experience has revealed a number of useful lessons.

In the first place it is clear that we must not allow Great Power differences over certain admittedly very difficult issues to induce a fruitless passivity in the membership. We must continue to search for opportunities for initiatives which are both constructive and realistic.

Secondly there is, I believe, an evident need for the Assembly to re-establish the free processes of debate and negotiation on draft resolutions. Only in this way can we hope to promote agreements that will attract the meaningful support of member governments when it comes to implementation.

Thirdly, we need to exercise greater respect for the rights of others under the Charter. This involves restraint by the great powers in the use of their privileges; restraint by the smaller powers in the observance of orderly procedures; restraint, above all, in the pursuit of national objectives where these are at variance with the purposes and principles of the Charter.

Finally, Mr. President, on the eve of Canada's 100th anniversary, the Government and people of Canada pledge their continuing loyalty and support to the United Nations and to the ideals it symbolizes and seeks to attain for the benefit of mankind.