

Because now as the international political climate improves, the U.N. can play the role intended in the Charter.

Lester Pearson, a great Canadian statesman who was present at the creation of this Organization, once observed that the United Nations is the "living symbol of our interdependence, and embodies that emerging sense of international community, going beyond nation and region, which alone can save us in this nuclear age".

Mr. President, the United Nations reflects the vision of our predecessors and the hope for our children.

The agenda before the United Nations is compelling, and the choices are clear: to manage the irresistible forces of change that swirl around us. To acknowledge the interdependence of our world and of the issues before us. To ensure a more peaceful, more prosperous, more humane world, a world in which the strong nations are just, the rich nations generous: A world in which all nations have legitimate hope for greater economic and social justice, understanding as we must that there is but one earth for us to preserve for our children.