

missions, prepared by the Secretary General and now being studied by a working group of the special committee, represent a significant contribution to our study of peace keeping in all its aspects. Discussions due to take place in the committee should help in narrowing the differences among member states about preparations for peace keeping. I hope the assembly will instruct the committee to expand its investigation to include other aspects of United Nations peace keeping experience and attempt to draw some agreed conclusions. In this way, we should be able to develop an understanding about the practice of peace keeping acceptable to all.

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We shall not be able to improve very much the capacity of the United Nations to realize its full potential in promoting peace and security unless the institution itself reflects the world as it is. The question of universality of membership remains pressing. We regret the absence from this assembly of states that play an important part in world affairs.

The question of the representation of China is the most important of these issues, even though it is not strictly a question of membership. My government has made public its decision to explore the possibilities of entering into diplomatic relations with the government of the People's Republic of China. It is not in the long term interests of world peace and security that the government in Peking should remain isolated. For this reason, we

think that this government should be represented at the United Nations. We would welcome any equitable proposal which would facilitate the representation of the People's Republic of China in this organization having regard, however, to the rights of existing members.

CONCLUSION

The United Nations is a very different organization from the one Canada helped to found more than 20 years ago. Its membership has almost tripled. It has formulated new priorities and is moving in new directions. It has demonstrated powers of adaptation in response to new demands. Human rights, economic development, co-operation in new environments, such as outer space and the ocean floor, have taken their place as matters of major concern along side the more traditional but nonetheless vital questions of war and peace. Indeed, it is now understood better than it was that all these questions interact.

As we endeavour to meet new challenges, we should not lose sight of the fact that the effectiveness of the United Nations is bound to be measured in the eyes of world opinion against the practical results which follow from our resolutions. It is not by the number of resolutions that we pass that posterity will judge us, but rather by the determination that we show in dealing with the pressing issues of our times and in carrying out the decisions that we make. In this spirit, on behalf of Canada, I pledge sustained and vigorous support of the United Nations.
