

the international community and over the impact on each of us of the "multilateralism crisis."

You have explained why it is of the utmost importance that the United Nations Assembly should remain strong.

If there is a lesson to be drawn from recent history, it is the global interdependence of nations.

Without such a dynamic mechanism for international cooperation, the conflicting interests of nations would lead to chaos. In a world of increasing complexity, the United Nations is an essential body.

[English]

Canadians know this, and as you have heard in the Prime Minister's introduction, Canada remains committed to the United Nations, its principles and its objectives, in both word and deed. As you have indicated, what is needed is a revitalization of the U.N. system. What better or more effective way could there be to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations?

[Translation]

During the thirties, certain countries turned their backs on the League of Nations, and the consequences were disastrous. If in a nuclear era a new cataclysm were required to have us realize the importance of our existing heritage, we might very well find nothing to rebuild the world upon.

This is the reason why your message to us today is of unparalleled urgency and import.

[English]

For Canadians, peace is an urgent matter, as it is for you. We too hope that leaders around the world will find the way to make peace last forever throughout our planet. For Canadians, the blue beret that has been worn with pride by thousands of Canadian peace-keepers is a constant and positive reminder of Canada's partnership with the United Nations. You, Sir, by your presence and your words here today have reinforced this partnership. For this we are truly grateful. Again, Mr. Secretary General, thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** This meeting is now adjourned.

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