of its members and with the consequences of that dispute for
the alliance. The involvement of NATO and the UN is not, there-
fore, competitive but complementary, and each has an interest
in seeing the other's efforts yielding success. Indeed, this is
very much the way in which we in Canada look upon the responsibili-
ties of NATO and the UN in the wider world perspective. We regard
NATO as essential to Canada's security and to that of our allies.
We think that, whatever the changes that may be in prospect on the
international scene over the next decade or so, there will be a
continuing and essential need for the NATO alliance. In this firm
support for the North Atlantic Treaty and community, we can see
no possible conflict with our role as a loyal and responsible
member of the United Nations. For the United Nations, too, is
pre-eminently involved in the preservation of international peace
and security, and the part it plays in that regard clearly could
not be played by any other organization.

Conclusion

If we are to continue to meet the challenges that face us
we must remain militarily strong, politically flexible, and
economically dynamic. It may well be that the major dangers to
world peace will occur outside the strict Soviet-Atlantic context.
With that in mind, we must close the gap between developed and
under-developed countries; we must encourage domestic reforms to
remove inequities in wealth and standards of living; we must overco
racial inequality and conflict; and we must create conditions that
will limit armed conflict in a world made up of many independent
nations. The West cannot live in a vacuum, concerned only with our
Atlantic affairs and relations with the Communist powers, for the
battleground on which our future as a community will be decided is
world-wide. Each of us has a responsible part to play in this
wider spectrum and, provided we play it, I have every expectation
that we shall be able to maintain a peaceful world and ensure the
continuation of a dynamic Atlantic alliance.

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