

Canada has acted steadily and deliberately to add to the pressure for change. We hope that the response of South Africa will allow economic and diplomatic relations between our two countries to continue, but that will require real progress against apartheid. We are consulting and cooperating with our friends in the Commonwealth, in the Front Line States, and elsewhere to find the most effective means to end a system which is repugnant to Canadians.

In yet another growing violation of civilized conduct, terrorism must be dealt with in more detail by the U.N. As we Canadians have learned in the past year, terrorism is a menace to which no nation is immune. At this Assembly, we shall actively seek new ways, through new international instruments if necessary, to deal effectively with this scourge. Canada, already a party to all the international air security conventions, will ratify the U.N. Convention Against the Taking of Hostages. We were heartened that the Seventh U.N. Congress on the Prevention of Crime supported the efforts of the International Civil Aviation Organization to promote universal acceptance of, and strict compliance with, international air security conventions. The international community has shown that it has the political will to act.

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Finally, Mr. President, let the 40th anniversary of the United Nations be remembered as a time of a united call for the peace that will come from effective disarmament and economic development for all.

An organization that embodies the cry for peace of "we, the peoples of the United Nations" cannot be irrelevant now or 40 years from now. The gravity of the threat to global survival must be matched by the intensity of our efforts to build the conditions for lasting peace. The peoples of the United Nations have the right to expect to find their hopes fulfilled by the actions of every government that takes this podium.

We know that the challenges are huge; we will not be daunted by them. We know that the problems are infinite; we will not be intimidated by their complexity. We know that international relationships are frayed; we will not be deterred in our search for their repair.

To put it simply, Mr. President, Canada, along with all others sovereign countries of good faith, will use the United Nations to pursue indomitably, the quest for peace, security, and social justice.