

The resolution you have before you allows for a final, intensified effort at persuasion by the Secretary General further to those he has already made. We pray it will be successful. But should he fail, should Iran not respond, you are asked to agree to take further measures: to implement sanctions under the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations. These provisions were designed from the outset to be used in situations such as this one, where a country is in flagrant violation of the obligations it has undertaken as a member of the international community.

The United States in particular, but also every civilized country, has the right to expect that the council will adopt this resolution. To fail to do so, will be to admit the inability of the community of nations to use its institutions to maintain order in international affairs.

Unquestionably, Mr. President, the people and Government of Iran feel a deep grievance, and look for recognition of the right to redress that they so strongly feel. Accordingly, it is imperative that Iranians be made to understand that the international institutions are just as much at their service as they are for the Americans.

By supporting the resolution, members of the council will be sending a direct message to the Government of Iran that its current behaviour is totally unacceptable to the civilized world. But it should be clear that, once Iran has again made its behavior conform with international law, it will be able to turn to the international community for a full and fair hearing of its complaints.

Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Canada, I urge the members of the council to endorse this resolution. It is a powerful, positive and peaceful step that can help resolve this intolerable situation which threatens the peace, order and good governance of the whole world.