

In result law and progress will both suffer. The fact that the decision of the World Court in the South Africa case may have the unfortunate effect of slowing down this progress cannot but be a matter of deep concern.

The draft resolution A/L483 (now co-sponsored by fifty-three members of the United Nations) is deserving of careful study; firstly because it expresses the views of so many member states, and secondly, because of the important implications its adoption would entail for the United Nations. Canada supports fully the rights of peoples to the unfettered exercise of their self-determination and we strongly deplore the uncompromising attitude South Africa has displayed in regard to South West Africa. My country is opposed to apartheid as a policy of racialism which is completely contrary to the inherent dignity of man. We consider moreover that such a policy carries within it the seeds of conflict which endanger the whole concept of multi-racialism throughout the African continent. Thus, my delegation fully supports the basic aim of the draft resolution. We believe that South Africa has forfeited its right to administer the mandate. My delegation has given serious consideration as to how we can give effect to this conclusion. I sincerely hope the co-sponsors will accept the following comments as evidence of our desire to make a constructive contribution.