

among the nations of the world, that violence must end. I was discouraged by the tendency of leaders and groups to cast blame on others, rather than to accept collective responsibility for ending this climate of violence and finding new ways of dealing with solutions.

There are no easy solutions, but there will be no solutions at all until people work together. The will among various parties to lay aside their differences and make common cause to end the tragedy of the violence could be an important signal of the commitment that will be necessary to build a new South Africa.

The outside world can play only a limited role in this deployment, but as a country committed to encouraging a peaceful transition in South Africa through these many years, Canada stands ready to consider any calls from CODESA for support through the United Nations, the Commonwealth, or some other appropriate mechanism because of our concern for people and their well-being.

On the other hand, I came away from my visit to South Africa encouraged by the prospects for success in the negotiating process. That optimism does not blind me to the difficulties that lie ahead. There are still significant differences of opinion in a number of crucial areas, but a broad consensus has developed among the parties on the general principles on which a new government would be based, a new constitutional order, and there is a strong sense of the critical importance that these discussions have for the future, not only for the country but for individual South Africans themselves.

In addition to our moral and other forms of suasion, we as Canadians can be proud of the positive assistance we have provided to the development of a new democratic order in South Africa.

Through what we have called our Dialogue Fund, for example, we are providing support in a variety of areas to help South Africans develop a democratic system unique to their own situation. We provided assistance in constitution-making, including the vital area of developing a judiciable Bill of Rights. As well, we are assisting in building a capacity within the democratic movement to develop policy in priority areas such as economic planning, economic analysis, education planning, and a capacity to become part of a permanent public service. All this is in addition to the assistance we have provided and continue to provide to train black South Africans to play a significant role in the new South Africa.