

Conversely, the experience with regional conflicts in 1987 indicates once again the intractable nature of many of these conflicts, and the danger that they will spark larger conflagrations. Canada's contribution is best made by working with other states, but a Canadian lead to make the UN more effective in regional conflict resolution is one which has a traditional appeal to Canadians; the opportunity will present itself if Canada is elected to the Security Council at the next session of the Assembly.

Finally, the Defence White Paper has charted a course for the revitalization of the Canadian Armed Forces. While this appears to be supported by Canadians, there are two outstanding problems which will need to be faced in 1988. First, the programme is ambitious, and the Department of National Defence must face the dilemma of what to do if the funds required are not forthcoming. Second, security in the Arctic is an issue which cannot be settled by purely military means. Canada needs a more comprehensive approach to its North which includes circumpolar co-operation, and offers a Canadian vision of a peaceful Arctic.