

For this we must, in the final analysis, look to the Lebanese themselves and to others directly involved, especially Syria, to demonstrate that their professions of support for the principles of national unity and independence are more than mere slogans; they must be matched by a genuine commitment to national reconciliation, and by compromises which can lead to the election of a new president acceptable to all the Lebanese communities.

As a first step Canada repeats its call for agreement to and respect for an immediate ceasefire.

Mr. Speaker, the Government would welcome the views of other Members of the House, and indeed of other Canadians, on this tragic situation.