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Excellency:

Allow me to extend to you, on behalf of the Government and people of Canada, sincere best wishes on the occasion of the forty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

The United Nations, and indeed the world, are now at a historic juncture. An era of sterile ideological competition is behind us, and the United Nations is demonstrating that it can promote the peaceful settlement of disputes and respond to threats to peace and security in the manner intended by its creators.

We can also celebrate the fact that peoples in every part of the globe are seizing the opportunity to advance democratic processes and institutions. It is Canada's declared policy to assist them in every way it can. We also believe that the United Nations should actively cooperate with and support the work of regional organizations and individual countries in their efforts to strengthen democracy.

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