

to which the Socialist International and their distinguished investigator are committed, but regardless of the falling of political chips, I believe it is the right, and certainly it is the democratic, course.

El Salvador is a human tragedy. It is ours to express our fellow-feeling, to offer aid, to encourage a solution which corresponds to the wishes and needs of the people and to rebuke perpetrators of acts of criminal terrorism. It is not ours to assume the *principal role in solving the crisis*. That way would lie another tragedy, our own. Third World governments are not prepared to admit without qualification that their tragedies are ours. Modesty, patience and a sense of our own limitations are sometimes the most difficult virtues to practise, but I commend them to the leader of the NDP and to my colleagues. Genuine independence for the Third World has to mean independence even from us. Our own independence is too precious for us to do violence to that of others. This is the course of action we intend to continue to urge upon all governments.

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