

BUT SO GREAT WAS THE OPPOSITION TO OUR RESOLUTION THAT WE WERE FORCED TO ALLOW IT TO STAND WITHOUT VOTE RATHER THAN HAVE IT SUMMARILY REJECTED IN SECRET SESSION WHERE, UNDER THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION, NONE OF THE PROCEEDINGS CAN BE REPORTED.

- I MIGHT ADD THAT MANY OF THE SAME COUNTRIES WHICH PROTECTED UGANDA FROM ANY MEANINGFUL CRITICISM AT THE U.N. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND WHICH REFUSED TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH A U.S.A. RESOLUTION ON SOVIET DISSIDENTS, ARE LOUD IN DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ELSEWHERE. A DOUBLE STANDARD IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD IS AN UNHAPPY FACT OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE. FOR ITS PART, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMMISSION THAT IT HAS DISCHARGED ITS RESPONSIBILITIES SATISFACTORILY. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO PRESS, AT THE U.N. AND OTHER BODIES, FOR MEANINGFUL AND CONCRETE ACTION TO BRING THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA, AMONG OTHERS WHICH HAVE PERSISTENTLY VIOLATED THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR IN HUMAN RIGHTS, TO OBSERVE THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH THEY HAVE FREELY ACCEPTED.
- BUT PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF PARTICULAR FAMILY REUNION CASES IN EASTERN EUROPE, ON THE OTHER HAND, COULD HAVE SEVERE REPERCUSSIONS, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE CONCERNED DO NOT HAVE THE PROTECTION AFFORDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT, AND WOULD HAVE NO RECOURSE IF CANADIAN EFFORTS TO SECURE REUNION IN CANADA WERE BLOCKED AS RESULT OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION.
- HERE, WE HAVE OPTED FOR "PRIVATE" DIPLOMACY AND I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT IN MOST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, WE HAVE SEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REUNITED FAMILIES.
- PRESSURE TO SPEAK OUT IS ALWAYS GREAT, AND IT COMES MAINLY FROM PEOPLE WHOSE INDIGNATION IS KINDLED BY WHAT MUST SEEM LIKE OUR OFFICIAL SILENCE AND INACTIVITY.
- REGARDING CHILE, A COUNTRY ABOUT WHICH I HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF MAIL RECENTLY, CANADA HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE WITH REGARD TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO AS LONG AS EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS PERSISTS. IN ADDITION TO SPEAKING AND VOTING ON THESE ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, WE HAVE SPOKEN DIRECTLY TO CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVES. AS A CONCRETE INDICATION OF THE CONCERN OF CANADA FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TAKING PLACE IN CHILE, WE HAVE AUTHORIZED 5360 CHILEAN REFUGEES TO FIND PERMANENT HOMES HERE. NINETY-TWO FORMER CHILEAN POLITICAL PRISONERS AND APPROXIMATELY 200 OF THEIR DEPENDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED SIMILAR STATUS. CANADA'S RECORD WITH REGARD TO PROMOTING THE REGROWTH OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE IS SECOND TO NO OTHER NATION AND CHILEAN OFFICIALS ARE WELL AWARE OF THIS.