

they represent a reasonable approach to this issue. We can commend our proposals to the parties but we cannot compel their acceptance. At the very least, however, we would have absolved ourselves of the responsibility for perpetuating a situation which lacks the elements of common sense.

In providing guidelines to an appropriate solution, the proposal before us refers to "the existing situation and the political realities of the area."

What are these realities, Mr. President? Among the most important are the fundamental changes which have taken place since the founding of the United Nations. When the Government of the Republic of China signed the United Nations Charter, the island of Taiwan was under the control of the Government of Japan. By 1949 a revolutionary upheaval on the mainland of China resulted in the removal of the Nationalist Chinese Government to Taipei and the establishment of a Government of the People's Republic of China in Peking. The real situation since then has been and continues to be that we have two Governments exercising control over two areas of territory, each claiming to be the Government entitled to the Chinese seat in the United Nations.

One of these is the Government of the Republic of China, with which Canada has had long and close diplomatic relations. This government has been a member in good standing of this Assembly and its subsidiary bodies every since the founding of the United Nations. It controls a territory whose economic development can serve as a blueprint for progress in other developing countries. Its representatives have played an important part in the economic and social organs of the United Nations and in the programmes which are designed to raise standards of living throughout the developing world.

The other Government, the Government of the People's Republic of China which controls a far greater area and a far greater population, is not represented here and never has been. This is a situation we deplore both because we firmly believe in the principle of universality and because we believe that lasting solutions to the certain important problems facing the world community today cannot be found without the participation of the Government of Peking.