

Resolution re Attack on Korean Airlines Plane

Whereas respect for individual human rights has always been a fundamental tenet of free and civilized nations; and

Whereas that respect for individual human rights has been expressed by many nations in recent years through their adherence to a variety of international human rights documents; and

Whereas the most basic human right of all is the right to life; and

Whereas the recent action of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in shooting down an unarmed and unprotected South Korean commercial airliner is a brutal and unwarranted violation of the right to life of 269 innocent human beings; and

Whereas the purpose of this Federal/Provincial/Territorial Conference is to consider the protection of human rights in the international community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers responsible for human rights in Canada deplore and condemn the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for attacking and destroying a South Korean commercial airliner and for killing 269 innocent human beings; and

The Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers responsible for human rights in Canada call upon the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to acknowledge their responsibility for the attack, apologize for it, and make reparation to the families of the victims.