

island. Many Canadians are beginning to feel that the continued presence of the force, instead of paving the way for a solution, may be a factor in impeding it.

The history of Cyprus, as an independent and sovereign member of the international community has been troubled. I believe that no useful purpose would be served in drawing up a ledger of responsibility for events that now lie in the past. What the international community has a right to expect of the people of Cyprus is that they use the resourcefulness and resilience they share with their Mediterranean neighbours, and such goodwill as still obtains, to draw up a new blueprint for their national existence in which all the parties will see their interests tolerably guaranteed. Given the legacy of the past, this will not be an easy enterprise. Nor will it, in my judgment, be achievable at all unless the process of negotiation between the two communities is made continuous. Otherwise, the momentum that has at one point or another been built up will inevitably be dissipated. The good offices of the Secretary General are available to the parties. I would urge them to take full and prompt advantage of them.

Economic and Social Questions

Mr. President, I have been discussing important issues of peace and security. We also expect this Assembly to address and influence those economic and social questions which are so vital to the welfare of our peoples. Peace and security will remain distant goals unless the basic economic and social needs of mankind receive adequate attention.

As each of our governments tries to deal with economic and social issues in the context of our national interests, we become increasingly aware of the wide-ranging effects of our actions. Improvements in our economic and social conditions can be found only in policies which fully recognize this interdependence among states and among issues. None can be dealt with effectively in isolation. That is why it is so important for us to discuss these issues effectively in this body.