

FOR MY PART, I AM PRESENTLY CONSULTING WITH MY COLLEAGUES FROM DONOR COUNTRIES TO UNDERLINE THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION AND TO ENSURE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE COORDINATION IN ASSURING FOOD DELIVERY TO THE NEEDY.

AT THE SAME TIME THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTS AN INITIATIVE BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO MOBILIZE INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT TO SEEK AN IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT FOR THE SAFE AND ASSURED DELIVERY OF ALL NECESSARY FAMINE RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO ALL PERSONS INNOCENT TO THE CONFLICT.

LET ME END, MR. SPEAKER, BY REITERATING THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AS WE FOUND IT.

DESPITE FOOD AID WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY, FIGHTING ON THE SPOT CONTINUES TO HINDER ADEQUATE, TIMELY AND SUFFICIENTLY WIDESPREAD DELIVERY.

A CONTINUING STALEMATE IN PEACE TALKS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE FOR SOME.

WE APPEAL TO THE PARTIES TO ACCEPT THAT INTRANSIGENCY RISKS THE LIVES OF FURTHER INNOCENT POPULATIONS.