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JOINT APPEAL ON STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that Mr. Stephen Lewis, Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, joined with his colleagues from Argentina, Austria, Jordan, Malaysia, Senegal, Sweden and Tanzania, in submitting a joint appeal on strengthening the United Nations to Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, United Nations Secretary General.

The joint appeal, initiated by the Federal Chancellor of Austria, was signed by the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, and the Heads of Government of the other countries noted above. It reflects their desire, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Charter, that Member States recommit themselves to the United Nations and the principles of the Charter and that they make concrete efforts to strengthen the United Nations

The texts of the Permanent Representatives' letter to ... the Secretary General and of the joint appeal are attached.

New York, June 26, 1985

Excellency,

With regard to the Fortieth Anniversary of the Signing of the Charter of the United Nations, please find enclosed the text of the joint appeal concerning the strengthening of the United Nations signed by the following Heads of State or Heads of Government:

Dr. Raul Alfonsin
President of the Republic of Argentina

Dr. Fred Sinowatz
Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

Martin Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada

Zeid Al-Rifai
Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad
Prime Minister of Malaysia

Abdou Diouf
President of the Republic of Senegal

Olof Palme
Prime Minister of Sweden

Dr. Julius Nyerere
President of the United Republic of Tanzania

The undersigned Permanent Representatives to the United Nations would be grateful if your Excellency could arrange for this joint appeal to be circulated to all members of the United Nations as a document of the General Assembly dated 26 of June 1985, under agenda item 39 of the preliminary list of the 40th Session entitled "Commemoration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the United Nations".

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Joint Appeal

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Charter we direct a strong appeal to all Member States to recommit themselves to the United Nations and the principles of the Charter. This recommitment must find expression in concrete efforts to strengthen the United Nations.

We call on the Security Council to fully discharge its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. Its capacity to deal with incipient crisis situations should be enhanced. The Council should closely monitor the implementation of its resolutions. We recommend that a well-prepared Security Council meeting be held at the highest level as an appropriate framework for the adoption of concrete measures to strengthen the Council's effectiveness.

We strongly support an active role for the Secretary-General in the solution of international crises. Parties to a conflict should make constructive use of his good offices and cooperate with him in mediation efforts. Timely and full information of the Secretary-General on crisis situations and optimal coordination between his activities and those of the Security Council are essential.

We consider UN peace-keeping operations as an important instrument to improve international security. In order to be effective, such operations need a clear mandate, adequate means to fulfill their missions and a sound financial basis.

A stable international order further requires the solution of the world's pressing economic and social problems. We call upon the Member States to strengthen the UN system as an instrument of international economic and social cooperation. We must seek a "new consensus for development" which will promote economic stability, growth and development with due regard to the social fabric of societies and the dignity of the individual.

The present crisis of multilateral cooperation stands in stark contrast to the imperative need to cope with the challenges of increasing global interdependence. The solution of the growing number of problems which transcend national and regional boundaries requires intensified co-operative endeavours by the entire international community. Let us therefore unite our efforts to enable the UN to play its unique and vital role in promoting peace, justice, freedom and progress for all humanity.

New York, June 26, 1985