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MESSAGE FROM THE
HONOURABLE ALLAN J. MACEachEN,
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND
SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR,
ON THE OCCASION OF
UNITED NATIONS' DAY,
OCTOBER 24, 1982

The Secretary of State for External Affairs



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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

On behalf of the Government and people of Canada, it is my pleasure to convey to you, and through you to the staff members of the United Nations and its affiliated organizations, our warmest wishes on the occasion of the thirty-seventh anniversary on October 24 of the founding of the United Nations.

We are deeply honoured that you have extended an invitation to the Right Honourable Edward Schreyer to visit you and the United Nations in New York. As this is the first time that a Governor General of Canada has been received at the United Nations, the visit is of historic significance to Canadians. We also could not wish for a more appropriate beginning to U.N. Day celebrations here in Canada than the Governor General's visit.

Among the many observances of U.N. day across our country, is the announcement of this year's recipient of the Pearson Peace Medal, Dr. Hugh Keenleyside. A large part of Dr. Keenleyside's long and productive career has been devoted to economic and social progress in the Third World, particularly when he was Director General of the U.N. Technical Assistance Administration during the early seminal years of international development cooperation between 1950-58. The functions to honour Dr. Keenleyside are under the auspices of the United Nations Association of Canada which continues to promote still further the interest of Canadians in the United Nations through the distribution of information and the organization of seminars and conferences.

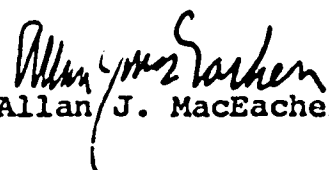
His Excellency Javier Perez de Cuellar
Secretary General of the United Nations
New York

As you are aware, U.N. Day also marks the beginning of Disarmament Week throughout the world. The observances in Canada will reflect the growing concern of Canadians about the arms race and will underscore the vital need for arms control and disarmament negotiations. Canadians are pleased that the United States and the Soviet Union in Geneva have resumed the process of talks on strategic arms and are optimistic that the negotiations in Vienna on reducing conventional forces in Europe might move forward in the near future. There was disappointment among Canadians that the second Special Session on Disarmament did not realize its ambitious agenda, although it was realized that UNSSOD II did draw world attention to the questions involved in disarmament negotiations and their complexity.

I was very pleased to have had the opportunity to meet you and speak with you in September and to offer my personal congratulations on your election to the office of Secretary General.

On behalf of all Canadians, I wish to reaffirm our continued collaboration in the furtherance of the aims of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,


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