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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CDN STATEMENT BEFORE CD ON 3JUL.

MR BEESLEY(CDA):MR PRESIDENT,MAY I BEGIN BY EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE,
AS YOU DID YOURSELF,TO THE DISTINGUISHED REPS OF SWEDEN,MRS THEORIN
AND AMBASSADOR EKEUS,WHO PRESIDED OVER OUR SESSIONS IN JUN.THEY DID
INDEED DIRECT OUR DELIBERATIONS WITH PATIENCE AND PERSEVERENCE AND
WITH SERIOUSNESS AND SKILL.WHERE WE MADE PROGRESS IT WAS IN SOME
LARGE MEASURE DUE TO THEIR EFFORTS.WHERE WE DID NOT/NOT,IT WAS
THROUGH NO/NO FAULT OF THEIRS.

MAY I ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF CONGRATULATING YOU PERSONALLY,
MR PRESIDENT,ON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES
YOU ARE NOW DISCHARGING.I HAVE NO/NO DOUBT THAT YOU WILL UTILIZE
YOUR WELL-KNOWN DIPLOMATIC SKILLS TO ASSIST US IN MAKING PROGRESS
IN OUR WORK.YOU HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT,QUITE ACCURATELY,THAT THE
IMPORTANCE OF OUR WORK IS NOT/NOT REFLECTED IN THE PROGRESS WE HAVE
BEEN MAKING.OTHERS HAVE MADE THIS SAME POINT AND INDEED,IN MY LAST
TWO INTERVENTIONS,I HAVE ALSO STRESSED THAT WHILE REAL PROGRESS,
CONCRETE PROGRESS,CAN ONLY BE MADE AS A CONSEQUENCE OF DECISIONS--

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SOMETIMES DIFFICULT DECISIONS--IN CAPITALS,EACH OF US HAS AN INDIVIDUAL AS WELL AS A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESS AHEAD WITH OUR WORK IF WE ARE TO AVOID HAVING THE VERY CREDIBILITY OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT CALLED INTO QUESTION.

THERE MAY BE,AND INDEED I SUPPOSE THERE ARE,DIFFERENT VIEWS AS TO WHICH ITEMS SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER OTHERS.THERE REALLY CAN BE NO/NO DISAGREEMENT,HOWEVER,THAT WORLD PUBLIC OPINION EXPECTS REAL, CONCRETE ACTION.THUS,WHILE THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION IS IMPORTANT, IT IS PROGRESS THAT IS DEMANDED OF US.MY DELEGATION FINDS IT SOMEWHAT IRONIC THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMISSION, FROM WHICH MANY OF US ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED AND WHICH IS INTENDED TO BE A DELIBERATIVE BODY,HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN AN ATTEMPT AT NEGOTIATIONS,WHILE THIS CONFERENCE,WHICH IS INTENDED TO BE A NEGOTIATING FORUM,APPEARS TO BE INVOLVED IN A RATHER LEISURELY PROCESS OF DELIBERATIONS,DELIBERATIONS THAT MAY PROVE USEFUL EVENTUALLY,IF WE HAVE THAT KIND OF TIME TO SPARE.

MR PRESIDENT,SURELY WE CAN DO BETTER.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION HAS REPEATEDLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY OF ACTION ON SUCH ISSUES AS THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, THE ARMS RACE AND OUTER SPACE CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND,MORE RECENTLY, THE DESIRABILITY OF COMPLETING OUR NEGOTIATIONS ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS.IN STRESSING THE PRIORITY WE ATTACH TO THESE QUESTIONS,WE DO NOT/NOT DENIGRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF OTHER ISSUES ON OUR AGENDA.

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I DO NOT/NOT PROPOSE, AT THIS STAGE, TO COMMENT SUBSTANTIVELY ON ANY OF THESE ISSUES; I SHALL, HOWEVER, OFFER A VERY BRIEF COMMENT ON THE KIND OF APPROACH WE SHOULD BE TAKING ON ALL ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA.

IT IS NOT/NOT THE PRACTICE OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO REFER TO NEWSPAPERS AS AUTHORITIES FOR STATEMENTS WE DELIVER. THIS WILL BE AN EXCEPTION BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE AUTHORITY I PROPOSE TO QUOTE. MANY OF THOSE HERE WILL HAVE READ THE WEEKEND EDITION OF THE HERALD TRIBUNE REFERRING TO THE DISCOVERY OF A NEW SEVENTEENTH CENTURY TEXT OF GROTIUS, FOUND IN THE NETHERLANDS. THIS PARTICULAR DOCUMENT HAS A MESSAGE THAT IS AS TIMELY NOW AS IT WAS WHEN IT WAS WRITTEN. THE TEXT FOUND IN THE LIBRARY OF AN AMSTERDAM CHURCH DECLARES, IF THE NEWSPAPER REPORT IS CORRECT, QUOTE INSTEAD OF TALKING ABOUT THINGS THAT SEPARATE US, WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON WHAT BINDS US TOGETHER UNQUOTE.

IN RECENT STATEMENTS BY THE CANADIAN DELEGATION HERE, IN THE UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMISSION AND IN PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS BY CANADIAN SPOKESMEN AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, I THINK WE HAVE GIVEN AMPLE EVIDENCE OF AN ATTEMPT ON OUR PART TO DO EXACTLY THAT; TO SEEK THE COMMON GROUND BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, AND ATTEMPT TO EXPAND IT. THIS IS THE ONLY POINT I WISH TO MAKE TODAY; I DO NOT/NOT MEAN IT IN THE SENSE OF PREACHING AT ANYONE, OR LECTURING TO ANYONE, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS MESSAGE TO OURSELVES. BUT OBVIOUSLY WE DO NOT/NOT HAVE THE LUXURY

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OF INDULGING IN POLEMICS,WE DO NOT/NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF DETAILED MONOLOGUES ABOUT OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS.WHAT I THINK WE REALLY MUST DO IS BEGIN TO UTILIZE OUR TIME MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY,WHETHER IN GENERAL DEBATES OR IN OUR OTHER ORGANS,TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHERE THERE IS COMMON GROUND,AND THEN SEEK TO EXPAND IT STEP BY STEP,NO/NO MATTER HOW MODEST EACH STEP MAY BE.WHERE THERE APPEARS TO BE NO/NO COMMON GROUND THEN OBVIOUSLY THAT IS A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION AND WE HAVE TO SEEK TO DEVELOP IT.

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