In this regard we in Canada, and I suspect men and women worldwide, were particularly pleased at the opening in Geneva of arms control negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The course of these negotiations will no doubt be arduous. The issues are complex and the differences between the two sides are many, but the goal of those talks is vital to all mankind—and it is the duty of statesmen to give their full measure to the search for agreement.

The USA and the USSR are the responsible partners at Geneva, but the interests of many others, including Canada, are very definitely on that table as well. Therefore, Canada will continue to assert the importance we attach to the successful completion of the Geneva talks.

A key factor in sustaining the process of these talks will be the development of a deeper level of trust and confidence between East and West. This is no easy task. I believe, your Excellency, that we need to achieve a new spirit in East-West relations—a spirit of management as well as of substance, perhaps with the following elements:

- the deliberate maintenance of open lines of communication, particularly in time of crisis:
- the simple habit of being present in each others countries;
- a sense of the interplay between foreign and domestic policies, in a world made small by modern communications:
- a recognition of competing interests in many parts of the world, and a dedication to restraint at key points of intersection;
- and above all, a recognition that authentic security is multi-dimensional and indivisible: political, economic, and cultural—as well as military. All of these are vital to a sense of security and well-being in any nation.

We are fortunate that this multiplicity is broadly articulated in the Helsinki Final Act, whose tenth anniversary we shall celebrate later this year. Work at the Stockholm conference is proceeding towards the definition of confidence and security building measures. The cultural forum in Budapest is being prepared and I am proud to say that Ottawa will soon be the site of the Human Rights Experts Meeting established by the CSCE Madrid Conference. Representing the host nation, I can assure you of our intention to provide the venue for a constructive meeting. As a national delegation, our experts will be expressing calmly and without polemic, Canadas deeply-held views on human rights — on those universal principles which because they flow from the nature of man himself, are