

Mr. Blais is the Vice Chairman of this meeting and I hadn't found it necessary to call upon his able services. Maybe it would have benefitted greatly if I had done so, but if you want to make a comment or two, JJ.

Jean Jacques Blais: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

I simply wanted to repeat the comments that you've made and adopt them as my own. I was appointed to this particular position but nine days ago. Therefore this context was one in which a neophyte was being educated and I thank you very much all of you for your very clear and very informative contributions. I simply wish to indicate to you as well that the comments that you've made have given me personally considerable food for thought and have made my job much easier. I'm leaving from here to attend with John Anderson a briefing at DND and I know that John in his innermind is saying "I wonder what the hell this is going to do to my Minister in terms of what trouble he's going to cause me or what support he's going to offer". I want to tell you that whichever it is, John, I would hope that it would be in the national and international interest.

Thank you very much.

Chairman: Thank you JJ. I just want to conclude by thanking the Europeans, who have come here and also our American friends. Their presence has been extremely valuable because they have brought a perspective that has helped us. And of course the Canadian participants have been also very much to the fore in our discussion, so I thank you all very much.