

Baltic States to address Russian concerns on minorities, underlining that relations with Russia are key to regional stability.

Latvia's request to the UN and Estonia's use of the CSCE CDH mechanism were positive steps. We support the continued use of international mechanisms, and have indicated our willingness to help the Baltic States in addressing minority issues.

Canada participates in an ad hoc group of countries looking for ways to promote regional stability by helping Russia and the Baltic States resolve their differences on troop withdrawals and minorities.

We plan to participate in the establishment of a CSCE-sponsored community relations office in Estonia which would help to stabilize relations between the Russian and Estonian communities.