

Meanwhile, here in New York, a different sort of summit than the one we are planning for Paris has just concluded. The Prime Minister of Canada reported to the General Assembly of the United Nations yesterday morning on the results of the World Summit for Children. That Summit focused the World's attention on the plight of the innocent child - the child who is illiterate or ill or abused. The child who is our future, a future which all members of the CSCE must act to make brighter through their actions and their example.

And across the world, another drama is unfolding, one which brings new danger but also prompts hope. The hope that finally there is a new consensus on a new international order which will not tolerate aggression and which will, therefore, deter it.

There is a question as to how quickly, or how cautiously, we should move at Paris. We are all agreed that we should build solidly, that our interest is in institutions that endure.

This is an age of change, and all of our countries are affected. But some face more fundamental challenges - some countries here are turning over history. They need the context and the support of a strong CSCE structure, more than others do.

I noted Eduard Shevardnadze's observation yesterday that, in months, we have achieved reforms that had been impossible for years. In this world, this Europe, events will not wait, nor should we. That is the future of this Europe, and we must build this new CSCE to fit that future, to make it work.