

us dedicate ourselves to building a world that the Cold War made illusory and unreachable for all countries and all peoples. And let us broaden our horizons and open our skies to peace and prosperity for all.

Ladies and gentlemen, I believe that the world is watching all of you in high expectation. Grasp the opportunity that is open to you now. And on behalf of all Canadians, who are proud of your presence here and are grateful for your leadership, I wish you all good luck and Godspeed.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Prime Minister, on behalf of all of my colleagues, may I thank you for those remarks and that direction as we begin our deliberations in this first of two conferences which we are confident will lead to an agreement on Open Skies.

Thank you, sir.

MR. MULRONEY:

Thank you. Good luck.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Colleagues, there has been a list of speakers agreed to, and I would like to turn the floor now to the Honourable James A. Baker III, Secretary of State of the United States of America. Mr. Baker.

HONOURABLE JAMES A. BAKER III,  
SECRETARY OF STATE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to our Canadian hosts: to the Prime Minister; to your Secretary for External Affairs, Joe Clark; and others in the Canadian delegation, all of whom have championed the Open Skies concept from the very beginning. This important initiative owes much to their long and hard work, and President Bush and I are very appreciative.

Two months ago I took a good look through a newly chipped hole in the Berlin Wall. I saw a great city striving to be reborn and, beyond that, whole nations seeking to reclaim their freedom and their independence. This past week I returned to central and eastern Europe to see the walls falling across the continent, from Prague in the west to Bucharest in the east.

Freedom is on the march, drawing strength from the resilience of the human spirit. Yet, the very hard task of moving from revolution to democracy still lies ahead of us, and we should

