

expertise more fully as our special contribution in support of the negotiation of agreements on nuclear, chemical and conventional weapons systems.

We shall be sharing the results of our work with the international community. We hope in this way to make a contribution to the technical needs of the arms control and disarmament process. But I would stress that the times demand that we also look beyond technicalities and focus on the need to develop confidence and dialogue; that those who would really make a contribution to arms control and disarmament should talk with each other and not past each other.

To return to a point I made at the outset of my remarks, there are few other issues on which so many in the West- and indeed elsewhere - have been so engaged as this matter. Given the implications of nuclear warfare, this preoccupation is entirely understandable and justified. We all want to see progress in arms control and disarmament. The key lies in increasing mutual security. That will not be possible as long as mutual suspicions about intentions remain. The challenge facing us in trying to overcome this hurdle - and this is a point Prime Minister Trudeau made at Guelph - is in applying a political effort to points along the East-West trend line in order to reverse it from its dangerous downward path.