

for this action. Quite the contrary, Tuesday in the first official statement by the Soviet Union the entire responsibility was placed on the shoulders of the Government of the United States. Absolutely no responsibility was taken by the Soviet authorities. Matters did not change yesterday, when Mr. Gromyko spoke in Madrid. The proposed resolution before us talks about the wish that the Soviet Union express regret, "Apologize for it", namely, their action in shooting down the plane. It is true that the Soviet Union now has expressed condolences to the grieved families but it has not yet expressed any regret for the action itself, nor has it taken any responsibility for that action. It has not offered to make reparation or compensation to the families of victims. I notice that, in the concluding paragraph of this resolution, the items that you have identified are certainly very much these objectives that I have been following, both at the United Nations and the Conference on European Security and Cooperation in Madrid, and elsewhere in pursuing this event. So, I have made these comments to outline my view, how seriously we view this situation. We are not out to create escalation in East-West tensions. We are not out to escalate the matter into confrontation. We don't think we can overlook the killing of Canadians. We don't think we can overlook the threat to safety to civilian aircraft. Therefore, we are pursuing the matter vigorously and we will continue to do so".

The text of the resolution adopted by the Meeting is as follows: