

In a wider sense, the concept of the "human dimension" in international affairs runs throughout the Final Act. It establishes that people, as well as governments, have a vital role to play in creating international stability and confidence, and that the freer flow of people, ideas, and information is an indispensable element in all facets of European security and cooperation. I regret to have to say to you here that what we have seen since Helsinki is a disappointing record of implementation of these commitments under the Final Act by some countries.

As Mr. Clark pointed out in his address to the opening plenary of the Vienna Follow-Up Meeting of the CSCE last month, confidence-building between East and West is at the core of the CSCE process and Canada is wholly committed to this process. However, he said, and I quote:

"In order to achieve progress, however, we will have to come to grips with a significant problem affecting confidence. Simply put, that problem is that confidence requires compliance. Some countries represented here today have failed signally to implement many of the commitments they undertook at Helsinki and Madrid, and indeed in some cases there has been backsliding since 1975. An important opportunity has thus been lost to strengthen security and cooperation in Europe. Even worse, by failing to implement commitments they made at the highest political level, these countries have contributed not to the building, but to the erosion, of confidence in the CSCE