

We are grateful to the government of Yugoslavia for having recently sent to Ottawa an Ambassador so knowledgeable about our country and so dedicated to the further development of our relations. With Mr. Calovski and Mr. Cameron managing our respective interests they are obviously in good hands.

Our discussions today have shown, Mr. Minister, the considerable extent to which our views coincide on a wide range of subjects. We are both very much concerned about the need for concrete progress in the field of disarmament. Each of us has played an active part in the recently concluded meeting of developed and developing nations in Paris and we are agreed further efforts are necessary in the months ahead to translate into practical terms the important results realized at that Conference. Last, but not least, we share a strong commitment to the strengthening and broadening of detente through negotiations and the normalization of relations between all states.

Canadians also appreciate the important role Yugoslavia plays in the international community as one of the leaders of the non-aligned movement. We also admire the persistent and successful efforts of the people of Yugoslavia to maintain their freedom, independence and political integrity. For us this great cause is symbolized in the person of President Tito, whom we recognize as one of the major world figures of the post-war period.

I would therefore ask you to join me in raising our glasses to President Tito, and to the prosperity of the people of Yugoslavia.