

And though it may be surprising, I think perhaps for the others, the Europeans and the Americans in our group, the fact is that Canadians sometimes have not engaged our full national energies into this kind of issue. In setting up these seminars, the main question we had to answer to our press corps is why would you have a meeting, a think tank, on foreign policy and defence. This was the first round of press questions. Why would you even bother? We simply said because its probably the most important issue in the world. Now I don't know if that would be reflected in any of their copy, but that's a rather traditional Canadian response. That these problems are other people's problems, not this country's problems. We disagree and hence this seminar. So I want to thank you all for your diversity and richness of views. It gives us much to ponder.

Thank you very much.

Chairman: Thank you Tom, for your contribution. It remains for me to conclude the meeting by saying two things. First of all, that it would be certainly my intention and the members of the department to examine all the views that have been expressed and all the ideas. I certainly don't feel that, even though I have listening very carefully, I have fully absorbed all the ideas and certainly haven't felt yet in a position to relate one to the other and to draw from the very rich series of comments, any personal conclusions or any final conclusions, except that there have been some underlying themes in the meeting around which all or almost all participants have converged. I think that has been to me a valuable observation that there hasn't been total disarray or a total mess. There have been some strong themes around which almost all, if not all, have converged. Thank you very much for what you have done, how diligent you've been, how serious you've been, how careful you've been about your presentations. We will examine all of it and I believe that out of the comments there have been, there will be some impact on Canadian policy.