

Therefore, Canada considers it important that the Paris Summit move toward an Assembly of Europe with appropriate parliamentary representation from all states which would gather to discuss and exchange views on those issues which fall under the CSCE mandate. It should be equipped to deal with all matters which fall under the CSCE umbrella, and it should have its own agenda and rules of procedure.

Third, we should give concrete approval and form to the idea of a CSCE Centre for the Prevention and Resolution of Conflict. Such a Centre is appropriate and important in its own right. It responds to growing needs in Europe, which can best be met by a multilateral instrument. But its early establishment will also signal our determination - collectively - to avoid the old ways and old dangers. Such a Centre can have a crucial role in assisting verification and data exchange arising from the negotiations on Confidence and Security-Building Measures. However, we must also look to the future and to a mechanism that is able to use all means - political, legal and technical - for the prevention and resolution of conflict. Eventually, that will require an enhanced role and real resources related to fact-finding, conciliation, mediation and the arbitration of conflicts.

Fourth, there is the question of the conventional force reduction talks. I emphasize again that the Paris Summit requires a CFE agreement. We cannot pretend to be constructing a new type of Europe when the symptoms of the old are allowed to persist and when we are unable to agree on the means to start to remove those symptoms. We take encouragement from the promising signs. There is still time to produce an agreement. There is no issue before us more important than this.

Fifth, the Paris Summit must reinforce and consecrate the trans-Atlantic and Pan-European role of the CSCE. That is the large outward-reaching spirit in which the CSCE was founded, and is the source of so much of its success. In all its actions and decisions, the Paris Summit should reflect the compelling image and reality of a European order which bridges the Atlantic, a Europe which is a concept rather than just a continent. We celebrate tomorrow the end of a war which divided Germany, divided Europe, divided the world, and we want no more walls around values and traditions which enlarge human kind.

At 7 pm today, as we close this meeting, the streets of Bonn and Berlin, Dusseldorf and Dresden will be filled with Germans rejoicing in their first precious moments of unity. That event, the symbol and substance of so much we have sought, will mark the end of one era and the beginning of another.