

can have a profound influence on the evolution of broader economic, scientific and technological relations.

In the Canadian view, Mr Chairman, one of the things this conference is all about is barriers; not to construct them nor to accept and admire them, but slowly and deliberately to dismantle them. And surely this chapter above all others, if read with sensitivity, should indicate to us that a good many of the barriers which we find restricting and irritating are as often a reflection of administrative practices — dare I say bureaucracy — as they are of philosophical or ideological origin. Let us look at them in that light and see what we can do about it. This is not, of course, the whole story, but it is clearly a part of it.

It was in this spirit that in the opening debate last week, the special representative of my foreign minister pointed out that given the facts of interdependence in the contemporary world, it would become almost impossible to work together “unless we deal with each other in the spirit of mutual confidence that the Final Act was intended to import to our economic relations as to our relations over a wider spectrum”.