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The same can be said, Ambassador Jay stressed, about the ongoing negotiations between the USA and the USSR in another field of mass-destruction weapons to which the General Assembly has assigned a high priority -- namely, the achievement of a treaty banning chemical weapons. Canada hopes that the negotiation of a comprehensive chemical weapons treaty can begin in earnest in the Geneva Disarmament Conference next spring.

The Canadian Ambassador pointed out that the United Nations General Assembly had a key role to play in encouraging the exploration of new avenues to effective arms control and actual disarmament. In particular, the Special Session of the UN General Assembly devoted to Disarmament, which will meet in New York next May, provides a unique opportunity to reach a general international meeting of minds on new avenues of approach to arms control and disarmament. Ambassador Jay renewed Canada's pledge to do all it could to make the Special Session as fruitful as possible and to continue to put forward and work for constructive suggestions for effective arms limitations and real disarmament.

The underlying supreme task of all disarmament efforts, he concluded, is to ensure the security of us all by reducing, and ultimately eliminating, the risk of war.