

announcement of the proposal, Prime Minister Mulroney stated that Canada had suggested that the United States consider the plan. He declared: "This concept symbolizes the West's commitment to transparency and serves as a clear reminder of our interest in both arms control and peaceful co-operation with the East."⁸ Quoted in an article in the 5 June 1989 *New York Times*, Mr. Clark stated:

An open skies agreement would be a positive political act of opening a nation's activities to detailed, intrusive monitoring--a symbolic opening of the doors. It could be a clear, unequivocal gesture that a nation's intentions are not aggressive.

Open skies would let all members of NATO and the Warsaw Pact participate fully in arms control verification and monitoring.⁹

PARLIAMENTARY COMMENT

The issue of confidence- and security-building measures was not raised in the House of Commons during this period.

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