

do not believe that any government represented here is so weak or should feel so insecure that its must treat as criminals or traitors those individuals who believe that we all meant what we said in the Final Act. We take this occasion to affirm that failure to implement the provisions dealing with human rights is related directly to progress on other provisions.

In the field of security, results have been very slow in coming. After more than 18 months, the Stockholm Conference has not achieved any visible progress in concluding the tasks specified in the Madrid mandate. Canada has high hopes that substantive cooperation can emerge from honest dialogue -- that the Conference can make a major contribution to the process of building mutual confidence. But these hopes become difficult to sustain -- and difficult for our people to share -- in the face of an apparent attempt to avoid negotiating a set of confidence-building measures, including a comprehensive programme for cooperation in military affairs. I think it is important to note, Mr. Chairman, that these measures were designed to apply equally to the two alliances in Europe. Security is reciprocal: it does not flow from one side demanding unilateral advantages at the expense of the other. We will go forward together, or not at all. Deeds, not words, are the key to mutual confidence, and we shall therefore continue to press for specific undertakings in the field of information and verification.

In the economic area, a treaty on long-range pollution has been signed, and we hope it will be effectively implemented. In other respects, however, progress has been limited by the outmoded trade practices of some states, and by the difficulty of increasing cooperation in this area with countries which consistently fail to comply with their obligations in other provisions of the Final Act. Obviously, the world economic situation, combined with a variety of marketing problems, presents obstacles to rapid progress. Nevertheless, we oppose any tendency to downplay this area of the Final Act, simply because of these difficulties. We must bear in mind that in this area, as in the other areas covered by the Final Act, our objective should be to break down barriers and to facilitate the freer flow of information, ideas and people.

It is obvious that the CSCE process has not yet fulfilled the promise which so many of us saw in it in 1975. However, despite the lack of measurable progress,