

weakening or unravelling the existing international framework on which East-West relations and arms control are built. Compliance with existing agreements is essential.

Establishing and sustaining political dialogue at the highest level in order to build on the common ground between East and West is, then, a step of fundamental importance. The successful conclusion of the Stockholm Conference, which will bring new openness and predictability to the conduct of military affairs in Europe, is a further advance.

This approach has been a consistent element of Canadian foreign policy. At the conclusion of his visits to many world capitals in 1983, Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau suggested ten principles of a common bond between East and West:

- Both sides agree that a nuclear war cannot be won.
- Both sides agree that a nuclear war must never be fought.
- Both sides wish to be free of the risk of accidental war or of surprise attack.