

The CSCE has already taken the first steps on an ad hoc basis. Canada has helped out -- an aircraft and expert to Nagorno-Karabakh, a chef de mission to Kosovo. We strongly believe in the value of these missions, but we must all be prepared to do more.

We also need the means to interposition forces, before or during a conflict. Canada has been a leading force in developing CSCE peacekeeping. Our credentials on this issue are, I believe, beyond question.

Some months back we said we needed to reconcile the ability of the CSCE to create security with NATO's ability to provide security. I believe we have finally done it.

The Helsinki document gives us the political mandate for CSCE peacekeeping. The procedures in that document, coupled with the willingness of regional and transatlantic organizations to support our efforts, give us the means. This is an important step forward in giving the CSCE the operational ability it needs to take action.

It also gives life to the notion of the interlocking elements in European security. Not simply the CSCE and NATO, but the European Community, the Western European Union and the Council of Europe all contribute to our security blanket.

Mr. Chairman, protection for minority rights, effective conflict prevention, a positive security forum -- these are all keys for the 1990s.

The drafters of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act have indeed been vindicated in the comprehensive approach they took to security so many years ago. Canada strongly believes in the enduring validity and importance of the CSCE.

Our challenge, now, is to translate the unique political and moral authority of the CSCE, which we struggled so long to establish, into effective machinery to manage our problems.

Mr. Chairman, I call on all distinguished colleagues to personally take measures on their return home to implement CSCE commitments. These commitments are not only obligations for others but for everyone of us here today. No country can claim to have achieved perfect implementation, and much work needs to be done.