

I should note also that we have taken a significant step in recognizing explicitly, as we did at our last Ministerial meeting in Rome, that developments in other parts of the world outside the NATO area may also have important implications for our security. The instability and upheaval in the Third World offer temptations for outside interference which must also be destabilizing in a world in which security is indivisible. It is imperative, therefore, that we continue to insist on respect for the principle of non-interference: to recognize the non-aligned status of states; and to contribute to improvement of economic and social conditions in the Third World.

Solidarity, even among like-minded peoples, cannot be taken for granted; it must be constantly renewed in recognition of the fact that people living in different places are bound to have differing perceptions and differing styles. Our common task -- and one to which Canada attaches particular importance -- is not to pretend these differences do not exist but to go about bridging them. This task becomes the more important in current circumstances of international tension, when the security, stability and integrity of each one of us depends as never before on the solidarity and co-operation of all.

Until the still far-off time when a general system of collective security through the UN can be successfully established, a goal which continues to elude the world, the North Atlantic Alliance will remain the bedrock of security for all of us. We must, therefore, renew our determination to work together with common purpose to achieve peace for ourselves and for the world.