

is one of the great tragedies of history that the relations between Arabs and non-Arabs has been a catalogue of conflict and conquest. Some of the great civilizations of the world -- European, Arab, and Jewish -- have spent more time securing advantages at the expense of others than they have building peace together.

The conflict in the Gulf demonstrates once and for all the folly of that approach. And the changes which have allowed the world to respond to aggression there are changes which must lead us to reject that approach forever. We must build a peace which is not partial or prejudicial, a peace which will endure because it is just, because it is shared and because it works. That is our task now. And that is Canada's commitment.