

both by persuasion and geography are a very heavy mix, and I look forward to the same spontaneous combustion this weekend.

I will be very brief and just speak on two points. The first, the ground rules for these sessions, and the second would be just a very brief summary of the previous seminars so you can have some idea of what has preceded us here. First of all, on the ground rules, the discussion is to be informal and off the record, and all participants are equal here which includes experts, ministers and officials, so our officials from the government of Canada have the heady experience of being able to disagree with their political masters in public, but with no attribution, and I encourage them to do so. We have divided the sessions into a format with lead speakers followed by a commentator and a rapporteur. The rapporteurs have a dual function. One is to make an assessment of their particular sessions, and our concluding session consists of the reports of the rapporteurs who try to draw together what has happened in their session, vis-à-vis the total seminar. Lead speakers, commentators, rapporteurs and members may speak any time and on any subject. So please feel free to engage in conversation and discussion at any point.

One word about the press who began by taking the press photograph. We ask you to have the same rules here as govern most international conferences, that is there will be official spokesmen, ministers who will meet the press in the evening to give them a view of what has transpired, so there is no need for any of the participants to speak to the press if they do not wish, for ministers have been assigned to carry out that task. However, you may feel so inclined to