

Soviets, they must be specific, they must avoid generalities, and they must have means for implementation.

Among the most serious Soviet human rights violations continue to be their persecution of many individuals in society, including their Jewish minority. Contrary to all norms of civilized behaviour, the Soviets continue to deny those individuals who want to emigrate the right to do so, and in particular be reunited with their families.

Soviet Jews are subject to religious persecution as they are not allowed to worship freely, study Hebrew, or possess prayer books. And they are subjected to blatant anti-Semitic slander which is officially sanctioned by the regime. Those Soviet citizens who rightly protest against such abuses are incarcerated in slave labour camps, or forced to undergo bogus psychiatric treatment. These violations are not only contrary to international agreements into which the Soviets have entered, but they also contravene Soviet law.

We believe that Canada has been following the appropriate course in using every opportunity to make our displeasure known to the Soviets, and we urge Canada to continue in the same steady manner. We especially commend the Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, for his courage in confronting Soviet leaders with the evidence of their