

meeting in late May, and to my meetings in the context of the G-7 summit in June.

It may also be useful to call a meeting of like-minded Ministers before we table our report at the 50th General Assembly in September. All of these efforts are aimed at maintaining the initiatives at the political level.

A rapid-reaction capability is not the answer to every problem of instability and conflict. But it is one important instrument. In this, the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, we should aim high. We must give the UN the tools it requires to do its job well into the next century.

I thank you for coming to Montebello this weekend.