

The banning of the Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox churches is particularly unfortunate. A new law on religious freedom has been drafted, but has yet to be debated within the Supreme Soviet. It is unclear what effect it will have.

While greeting very positively the recent improvements in the state of human rights in the U.S.S.R., Canada will continue to press Moscow to lift remaining restrictions. With this in mind, Canada will attend an international conference on human rights to be hosted by the U.S.S.R. in Moscow in 1991. This will be a follow-up to the Vienna Meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.