

- accelerated global efforts to conclude an effective and verifiable convention banning chemical weapons;
- agreement to work for positive results at the Vienna MBFR Talks and the Stockholm Conference on Confidence and Security Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe.

The second Gorbachev-Reagan Summit in Reykjavik raised the hopes of the world that, through further dialogue, agreement could be reached on truly radical reductions in nuclear weapons. For, as Prime Minister Brian Mulroney told the Canadian Parliament, the elements are in place for an ongoing civilized dialogue at Geneva and, hopefully, one which will result in General Secretary Gorbachev coming to the United States as agreed upon. The Prime Minister added:

"There are stumbling blocks on both sides. That is what negotiations are all about, sitting down with open minds, knowing the objections on both sides and trying to effect an honorable compromise."

The Canadian government hopes that people of goodwill will achieve a substantive accord, which could be signed at an early summit. Arms control, however, is a fragile process. Its environment must be protected. It is therefore doubly important that all actions be resisted which might be seen as