

family reunification can come to have a general significance if people choose to make it a test of détente.

Mr. President, the Canadian approach to the Final Act will continue to be positive. We attach importance to its provisions and to the principles it has formulated to guide relations between its signatories. But we also look beyond the Final Act to those broader issues bearing on a more rationally ordered world that inevitably form part of the context in which the improvement of security and the development of co-operation among us must be situated. We do not see the Final Act as exhausting the responsibilities we have towards one another or to the world at large. If we are to meet those responsibilities, we must manage to overcome distrust and increase confidence between us. That is what the preamble of the Final Act enjoins us to do. If we can cross that threshold, we shall be closer to "solving the problems that separate us and to co-operating in the interest of mankind" to borrow the language of the Final Act.

We hope that the exchange of views on which we are about to embark will be objective and dispassionate, that it will help to clear away suspicions and misunderstandings, and that, above all, it will lay a solid basis for progress.