

I would like to conclude with three observations.

First, the policy I have discussed today addresses a Europe in transition. The policy itself must also evolve with the region it addresses. Europe is not static; and neither will be Canadian policy.

Second, I have described the extraordinary Canadian advantage represented by our multicultural community. That advantage also carries with it responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is this: as Europe frees itself from the shackles of the past, old animosities are re-emerging, animosities frozen by

repression and made more dangerous by the absence of traditions of compromise. These animosities can threaten the very social stability which will be required if democracy there is to survive. We Canadians — all Canadians — have a responsibility to avoid fanning the flames of intolerance. We also have an opportunity to encourage compromise and accommodation — the only avenue for societies who wish to turn their back on the old ways and embrace a democratic future.

One final point. What is happening in Europe illustrates graphically today's imperative of interdependence — interdependence between countries and

regions, and interdependence between issues — political, military and economic. Interdependence means opportunity. It also means challenge. Global existence today does not have an escape clause — or an escape hatch.

How we behave towards each other at home has an impact on our interests abroad. And what we do abroad determines how prosperous and safe we are here at home.

Engagement with the new Europe is not a luxury; it is a necessity. And Canada will be there, as we must, for our own sake, our own security, our own prosperity. ■

NATO Summit Declaration on a Transformed Alliance

The following Declaration was issued by the NATO Heads of State and Government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in London on July 5 and 6.

1. Europe has entered a new, promising era. Central and Eastern Europe is liberating itself. The Soviet Union has embarked on the long journey towards a free society. The walls that once confined people and ideas are collapsing. Europeans are determining their own destiny. They are choosing a Europe whole and free. As a consequence, this Alliance must and will adapt.

2. The North Atlantic Alliance has been the most successful defensive alliance in history. As our Alliance enters its fifth decade and looks ahead to a

continent, supporting security and stability with the strength of our shared faith in democracy, the rights of the individual, and the peaceful resolution of disputes. We reaffirm that security and stability do not lie solely in the military dimension, and we intend to enhance the political component of our Alliance as provided for by Article 2 of our Treaty.

3. The unification of Germany means that the division of Europe is also being overcome. A united Germany in the Atlantic Alliance of free democracies and part of the growing political and economic integration of the European Community will be an indispensable factor of stability, which is needed in the heart of Europe. The move within the

European Community towards political union, including the development of a European identity in the domain of security, will also contribute to Atlantic solidarity and to the establishment of a just and lasting order of peace throughout the whole of Europe.

4. We recognize that, in the new Europe, the security of every state is inseparably linked to the security of its neighbours. NATO must become an institution where Europeans, Canadians and Americans work together not only for the common defence, but to build

new partnerships with all the nations of Europe. The Atlantic Community must reach out to the countries of the East which were our adversaries in the Cold War, and extend to them the hand of friendship.

5. We will remain a defensive alliance and will continue to defend all the territory of all of our members. We have no aggressive intentions and we commit ourselves to the peaceful resolution of all disputes. We will never in any circumstance be the first to use force.

6. The member states of the North Atlantic Alliance propose to the member states of the Warsaw Treaty Organization a joint declaration in which we solemnly state that we are no longer adversaries and reaffirm our intention to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or from acting in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and with the CSCE Final Act. We invite all other CSCE member states to join us in this commitment to non-aggression.

7. In that spirit, and to reflect the changing political role of the Alliance, we today invite President Gorbachev on behalf of the Soviet Union, and representatives of the other Central and Eastern European countries to come to

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new century, it must continue to provide for the common defence. This Alliance has done much to bring about the new Europe. No one, however, can be certain of the future. We need to keep standing together, to extend the long peace we have enjoyed these past four decades. Yet our Alliance must be even more an agent of change. It can help build the structures of a more united