

flying in the Gulf is the UN flag. So too is the Bangladeshi flag, the Argentinean flag, the Honduran flag and the Czechoslovakian flag. We are all there because the UN determined what must be done.

The countries of the world have gathered to do what the UN authorized them to do, no more and no less than that. That too represents a change from the past. This is not a war in search of total victory or the destruction of a nation or its leader. This is a war to uphold a principle and fulfil an objective which the United Nations has declared to be necessary for the maintenance of international peace and security. That objective is to secure the withdrawal of Saddam Hussein from Kuwait. That has been made clear by the Prime Minister. It has been re-affirmed by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. It has been re-stated by Secretary of State Baker and Foreign Minister Bessmertnykh.

The unity which the world brought to averting this conflict was unprecedented. The unity with which the Coalition now fights that conflict is also without parallel. But this crisis will not be over when the last gun is silenced and Kuwait is free. We must not only win the war; we must win the peace.

This war will change the world, just as change has characterized this conflict. We must make that change positive. That will not be easy. It may be as demanding as the war itself. But it must be done for if it is not, war will return to that region, as it has so often in the past. The United Nations has been given new credibility in its efforts to avert war and now in its efforts to act on its Resolutions. But that credibility will crumble if the United Nations does not act to heal the wounds this conflict has opened and fix the fault lines which have plagued that region for decades.

That will not be done through military might; it will be accomplished through political energy. It requires action across the spectrum, from peacekeeping to humanitarian assistance to economic development to disarmament to limits on the arms trade to an effective effort to deal, at long last, with the Arab-Israeli conflict. That effort will require commitment, imagination and perseverance by nations within the region and outside. It will require compromise. But we must not fail, for this is an opportunity which may never appear again.

Canada is mounting a comprehensive diplomatic strategy to this end. We are doing that with our friends in the Coalition and our partners in the United Nations.

There are many specific problems which need to be addressed, many negotiations which will be needed. But in the end, what we seek is the end of enmity between proud nations. It