

destruction. The presence of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons in the Middle East is a time bomb. It is unacceptable. The balance of terror is not a portable concept. Mutual Assured Destruction in that region would bring precisely that -- assured destruction. Exporting countries must act to tighten their export controls policies and practices, particularly on missile technology.

When it is reviewed this fall, we must begin the process to give the Biological Weapons Convention teeth in terms of verification.

The Chemical Weapons Convention now under negotiation in Geneva must move to an early conclusion resulting in a ban on possession and production which is comprehensive, complete and verifiable.

Efforts must be mounted to broaden and deepen the capacity of the International Atomic Energy Agency to verify the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; this vital treaty needs extension in 1995, and the non-signatory states brought into it.

This should not have the character of telling developing countries that they can't be trusted with the military hardware commonplace for countries which are industrialized. We ourselves must build down -- the end of the Cold War provides this opportunity. And the last thing we want to see is diversion to the Third World of the weapons once manufactured for the over-armed states of the Warsaw Pact or NATO.

We in Canada have a proposal to help move this ahead. It will be greeted with cynicism by officials in some capitals in the West, particularly on the part of nuclear weapons states.

But I don't believe their political leaders can be cynical. Their publics won't allow it. Public opinion is outraged by what we have learned about the history of arms sales to Iraq.

We wish to see convened a World Summit on the Instruments of War and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Not a drawn-out conference of detailed negotiation. Leave this to the negotiating fora I have mentioned.

But a conference of political leadership. What this issue needs is political will.

There are few moments in history where the psychology is right for a change of course. A Summit on Arms Control, properly prepared, could achieve such a change.