

OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF FISHING THE COASTS OF NORTH AMERICA. THE DEPENDENCE OF OUR RESPECTIVE FISHING COMMUNITIES ON THE CATCH HAS MADE ANY AGREEMENT NO SMALL ACCOMPLISHMENT.

THE FACT THAT THIS TREATY TOOK OVER FIFTEEN YEARS TO CONCLUDE IS TESTIMONY TO THAT.

WE HAVE AGREED TO DO MORE IN SPACE AND, MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, TO PRESERVE THE SPACE WE SHARE.

OUR AWARENESS OF OUR JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE MEASURES WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN MAKE ME CERTAIN OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES' ABILITY TO DEVISE AND IMPLEMENT, IN A SPIRIT OF TRUE PARTNERSHIP, SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF ACID RAIN AND TOXIC WASTE.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WHICH OPENED IN GENEVA A FEW DAYS AGO ADDRESS THE MOST AWESOME CHALLENGE OF OUR TIME.

THERE IS NO ISSUE OF GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF CANADA.

WE KNOW THAT OUR ROLE IN THE WORLD IS NOT THAT OF A SUPERPOWER.

BUT CANADA IS A VETERAN OF THE TWO WORLD WARS AND OF KOREA. WE HAVE ACQUIRED OUR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY HONORABLY, IN IMPORANT MEASURE THROUGH THE ENORMOUS SACRIFICE OF GENERATIONS OF CANADIANS WHO WITH GENUINE COURAGE -- AND IN MANY CASES, WITH THEIR VERY LIVES -- SPOKE FOR OUR UNSHAKABLE COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM, OUR UNQUENCHABLE BELIEF IN DEMOCRACY.

HAVING THUS ACQUIRED OUR INDEPENDENCE, WE SHALL SURRENDER NO PART OF IT AT ANY TIME OR IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

WE HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF ALMOST EVERY PEACEKEEPING EXPEDITION IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE ARE VIGOROUS MEMBERS OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AND THE NORAD PARTNERSHIP.

WE HAVE SPECIAL ASSOCIATIONS OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE; OF TRADE AND AID AND DEVELOPMENT, IN THIS HEMISPHERE AND IN ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE.

WE ARE TAKING PART IN ALL THE MULTILATERAL FORUMS ON SECURITY, COOPERATION AND ARMS CONTROL.