

But the world does not want war. The world wants justice for Kuwait and order for the region and the world. So just as we have joined from the outset in the effort, by so many nations, to deter aggression and enforce sanctions, so too we have sought avenues for a diplomatic solution. We have worked at the Security Council to ensure that what is done in the Gulf is done under the explicit auspices of the United Nations. What Canada seeks -- what the world seeks -- is not to blow Iraq up but to get Iraq out. But let there be no doubt about it: getting out of Kuwait is what Iraq must do.

What would it say about the new international order we claim exists, now that the Cold War is over, if the world were unable to reverse this naked act of aggression? What message would that send, what *carte blanche* would it give?

And if we succeed here, that would itself be a strong signal that the United Nations can and will behave as nations which are united.

But the drama in the Gulf goes beyond the specifics of that region or that conflict. It points to the price we all pay when diplomacy doesn't work, when foreign policies are not effective in preserving order, when geopolitical fault lines are allowed to persist, to widen and, inevitably, to erupt. The crisis in the Gulf is both a threat to international order and a chance to build that order. We are at a crossroads -- in the Gulf and elsewhere -- a crossroads where foreign policy has never been more important to our future as a country and as a world community.

I want today to talk about the importance of foreign policy.

The Cold War distorted the way we viewed the world. Our preoccupation with Europe made us ignore other problems, other regions. And it may have made some believe that with the collapse of the Berlin Wall, foreign policy has lost its role, that irrelevance has been the price of success.

But what is happening in the Gulf today is not just about that region or about oil. It is about order; an order that foreign policy tries to build; an order that is more important than ever, and is crucial for Canada.

Building an order which is peaceful and prosperous, which allows Canada and others to live in freedom with justice, is what