

ordinate East-West economic co-operation, a pan-European institution for the protection of human rights, a European environmental agency and European centres for conflict management and verification.

The CSCE process must be perpetuated and deepened. The establishment of a council of foreign ministers of the CSCE countries, meeting at regular intervals, can contribute to stability and confidence building. We should also examine the opportunities that may be inherent in the proposal made by Prime Minister Mazowiecki of Poland for a European Council of Co-operation.

We Europeans bear responsibility for the world. The global challenges of protecting the common sources of life, developing the Third World and safeguarding peace world-wide are growing. A Europe that is whole and free, as President Bush put it, will possess greater strength for meeting these challenges. There is an increasing awareness, world-wide, that humanity's future can now only be safeguarded and shaped through common responsibility and common action.

1990 must be a year of co-operation, disarmament and European unification. The last decade of this century, which has caused so much war and suffering for the peoples of Europe, must bring about the transition to a just and lasting peaceful order on our continent.

East and West have the unique opportunity of reaching that goal. We have the historic duty to seize that opportunity with all our energies. History does not repeat its offers.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN:

Thank you very much, Mr. Genscher. I would like call now on the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland, His Excellency Jon Baldvin Hannibalsson.

HIS EXCELLENCY JON BALDVIN HANNIBALSSON,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ICELAND:

Mr. Chairman, as the remarkable speech of Mr. Genscher which we have just heard, our meeting here in Ottawa is a part of a process which has been underway for a long time.

Looking back, it is difficult to conceive how this unique and, on a personal level, very memorable meeting might have taken place had it not been for the patient, laborious groundwork laid during the earlier stages of the CSCE process.