

- I should also say that there have been some important changes in the Soviet Union on the political side, certainly on the question of human rights. Indeed, how many of you would like to run in an election in which, simply by failing to vote, 50% of the people could say that the only name on the ballot did not get elected? That is a very profound political change and those kinds of things are happening in the Soviet Union.

FREE TRADE

- I think the free trade agreement with the United States can not only broaden Canada's capacity to trade with the rest of the world, but also help us to contribute to its economic development.

LATIN AMERICA

- The question of Latin America is urgent in our opinion, because democracy and economic stability are closely linked. There are democratic regimes in Latin America, at least for the time being. That was not customary in the past, and we cannot be sure that things will remain the same. There are some profound problems there at the moment. The problem facing these countries is exacerbated to some extent by their debt and by the need to adjust their domestic policy so as to pay off their debt.
- This is an extremely difficult issue for Latin American countries. Some Latin American leaders may try to hide behind their debt problem and use it to avoid making some essential adjustments.

UN SECURITY COUNCIL

- You do not make it work by asking it to do impossible things ... We have to regard the Security Council as an executive body which can do things that need to be done, and we should resist temptations to simply make rhetorical presentations there.
- We are not there to occupy a seat, we are not there simply to wave a flag. We are there to try to continue our work to make the United Nations more effective ... We are going to be playing an active initiative role, but I will not respond positively to every suggestion that comes, however well meaning, however much I respect the member who makes it, if I think it will lead to nothing.