

Let us concentrate on the realistic goals defined by the mandate for this conference of confidence-building — and not on the enormity of some of the gaps that must ultimately be faced in our search for a less dangerous world.

A less dangerous world: I am convinced that that is what we all want — regardless of our political system, our geographical size, our armed might.

We are all in this together, superpower and mini-state. We move forward together, or we sink back into greater and greater danger.

I come back again and again to the urgency of our confidence-building task.

Never have imagination and determination been more urgently called for.

The government of Canada commits itself now, as it has done in the past, to responding unstintingly to this challenge.

As we strike out along this new path, this road that begins in Stockholm, we declare solemnly that we will spare no effort in our common search for peace — and for the sense of confidence that underpins security.

Let us see whether we can, together, build confidence and restore a civilized political dialogue between us.

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