

That is why we have been such strong proponents of a North American role in Europe - whether through NATO, the CSCE or dialogue between the European Community and the countries of this continent. That is why we pursue new dialogues, on trade and on security with the countries of Asia Pacific, with whom we share so many common interests. That is why we have stressed that the Soviet Union must be a full partner in a new Europe, that should stretch from Vancouver to Vladivostok. That is why we have sought new links with the nations of Latin America.

Lesson 6. Stability is necessary for successful change. International progress on virtually every issue is made more difficult if countries feel insecure and if predictability is impossible. Countries won't take risks if they are not confident in their future. Structures can be changed most easily when they are stable. And change is virtually impossible when there is no structure at all.

That is why we argue for reforms in NATO to provide stability in a Europe in dramatic change. That is why we were strong proponents of German unification within a united Europe and a stable East-West environment. That is why we have proposed several initiatives to enlarge the CSCE's role in setting new rules for the new Europe; why we have pursued a settlement in Cambodia; why we have urged a new circle of dialogue between ASEAN and its neighbours. And that is one reason why Canada has placed such emphasis on Official Development Assistance - to help poor countries develop the prosperity which is the foundation for stability at home and stability abroad.

Lesson 7. The preservation of peace is based not simply on a balance of interests and power, but also on trust and confidence. The generation of mutual trust between parties is as important in building peace between countries as it is within countries.

That is why Canada has taken the lead in developing expertise and proposals for the verification of arms control agreements in Europe and elsewhere. Verification builds trust. It gives confidence in compliance. We have pursued these initiatives at the CFE talks in Vienna, at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and through the Open Skies initiative.

The desire to build trust is also at the base of our peacekeeping tradition and our preoccupation with conflict resolution. No country in the world has participated in more international peacekeeping activities than Canada. Those activities do not in themselves solve conflicts but they provide breathing room for diplomacy to proceed. They give peace a chance.