

Mr. Chairman:

This is a new Europe. Ideological confrontation has been replaced by co-operation. This is a time of unparalleled opportunity. But, as control systems are dismantled, impulses of nationalism, conflict and hatred rise to the surface. Turmoil and suffering are threatening progress and prosperity, and even the short-lived gains of democracy.

#### **Canada's Commitment to European Security**

This concerns my country very deeply and practically. Canada's security begins in Europe. We believe the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) has the right formula: enduring security can be built only on principles of democratic development, economic stability, environmental respect and, above all, the ascendancy of human values -- all interacting.

Moreover, European security requires the co-operation of all countries of Europe and North America. Our commitment to this has been underwritten in human lives.

Canada's commitment encompasses hundreds of millions of dollars in economic and technical assistance to the region. It's our emergency humanitarian relief to places like Nagorno-Karabakh and food shipments to Ukraine. It is 1 200 Canadian peacekeepers and monitors in Yugoslavia. It is our commitment to transatlantic security institutions, including not just the CSCE but the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

#### **The CSCE and European Security**

We are entering a new phase in the evolution of our common security in which the CSCE is central.

What are the new factors?

- o First, the CSCE must become an action-oriented forum for managing conflict. This means, first and foremost, having tools for the prevention of conflict and, if all else fails, having the tools -- political and otherwise -- to resolve conflict.
- o Second, we must consolidate and reinforce the elements painstakingly put in place since we signed the Paris Charter in November 1990 -- including renewed emphasis on implementation.
- o Third, we must take account of our expanded and diverse membership, which challenges us to acknowledge a new CSCE dynamic at the same time as reaffirming and recommitting ourselves to the basic principles that are the foundation of the CSCE.

#### **The CSCE and Conflict Management**

The gains of the last three or four years are historic. But it does not take profound analysis to recognize the difficult