

reward for Iraq's attacks on Israel or a reward of his threat to commit war crimes by moving POWs (prisoners-of-war) to strategic targets as human shields.

Saddam Hussein knows what the world wants. He does not need a pause for contemplation. He had his pause. The activity currently directed against his military machine should be sufficient to concentrate his mind. The only pause he will get is the pause that will come when he demonstrates unequivocally that he is withdrawing totally from Kuwait.

But as we must act now with determination and unity, we must also think of the peace which will follow. This region, perhaps more than any other, has a history of wars whose end merely sowed the seeds of the next conflict. This cannot be that kind of war. That too is a reason to maintain the solidarity of the coalition. For if that coalition breaks down, the animosity and tensions which will result could poison the peace we seek to build.

Prior to January 15, the Prime Minister wrote to the United Nations Secretary-General outlining what we believed to be the elements of a package which could prevent conflict. I tabled that letter in the House on January 16. That package was very similar to the contents of the last-minute plea for peace made by Mr. Perez de Cuellar prior to midnight on January 15.

In our view, after Saddam Hussein demonstrates that he is withdrawing from Kuwait -- and only then -- aspects of that package may remain relevant:

- an international guarantee of all borders in the Gulf area from attack;
- the initiation of a process to settle Iraq's differences with Kuwait, bilaterally or by mutually agreed reference to an appropriate international forum;
- the creation of a peacekeeping force as part of a broader security system for the region; and
- a follow-on process to address other issues in the Middle East.

I state here today, as I have to the Secretary-General, that Canada stands ready to work towards a settlement when Saddam Hussein abides by the wishes of the United Nations and gets out of Kuwait.

I believe it is going to be crucial that we devote as much energy to the construction of peace after this conflict as we must now devote to the conduct of that conflict. This is a