

Fifth, we will continue to stress the human side of East-West relations. Canadians believe deeply that families wishing to be reunited should be permitted to do so. We believe in religious freedom, the right to emigrate and the right to dissent. We will continue to raise our voice on these matters at the Vienna Meeting on European Security and Cooperation. And we will not cease until we are satisfied that international standards are being met.

Canada rejoices in the agreement signed in Washington on Tuesday. We salute the leaders who had the courage to take this step. We commit ourselves to work to reduce barriers between East and West, to create a safer, saner world for ourselves and those who will come after, and to establish habits of cooperation instead of confrontation.

But a world which must contend with pressing economic, social and environmental problems will not wait forever for us to succeed. The Treaty signed on Tuesday in Washington shows that with hard work, resolve, and common sense and purpose, we can prevail.

It is a grand beginning, but a beginning nonetheless. Let us get on with the challenge ahead.