

ment or their representatives. Senator Paul Martin signed the Declaration on behalf of Canada.

The Declaration was intended to demonstrate the continuing vitality of the North Atlantic Alliance, not only in guaranteeing the security of its member states but also in other areas of international relations in which the Alliance had come to play an increasingly important role. Its recommitment to "transatlanticism" is especially important in that it renews the dedication of its signatories in Europe and North America to the basic democratic principles underlying the Alliance. The Declaration also confirms the objectives of the Alliance in the field of *détente* and in the area of consultation within the Alliance. The text of the Ottawa Declaration reads: