

of the USSR and of the German Democratic Republic respectively is a most welcome development. So, too, are recent formulations by official spokesmen of the USSR which speak in terms of a "sufficiency" of military force. More than at any time in recent years, parties on all sides of the East-West divide seem to accept that security is a matter of mutuality. Neither side can feel secure unless both do.

Ambassador for Disarmament, (Downtown Rotary Club, Edmonton, February 25, 1988)

Confidence-building measures are important not only in their own right but also because they improve the East-West negotiating atmosphere. Canada was a member of the 35-nation conference in Stockholm on Confidence-and-Security-Building Measures in Europe and actively aided the implementation of the agreement, which provides a system of greater military transparency in Europe. Another important aspect of "confidence-building" is the promotion of East-West exchanges, both official and unofficial. There are a number of specific exchange agreements between Canada and the Soviet Union (e.g. Arctic scientists) as well as with other East European countries (medical exchanges with Poland, sports exchanges with the German Democratic Republic). A wide range of private exchanges includes art exhibits, musicians, academics, athletes, authors.

(SEE ALSO CANADIAN ROLE, CONFIDENCE BUILDING AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS)

STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS (SALT II)

Prime Minister, (North Atlantic Assembly, Quebec City, May 23, 1987)

Although arms control can assist in improving political relations, it cannot, by itself, remake those relations. But arms control does create precedents, rules of the road which can guide the competition. It does create a framework of predictability. This is why the Government of Canada has consistently expressed the view that the SALT agreements and the ABM treaty should be adhered to by both sides.

(SEE ALSO ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY (ABMT), BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTION TALKS (START))