

We want you to join us in ensuring universality, not only of the NPT, but also of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The refusal of Middle East states to adhere to the Chemical Weapons Convention is a terrible disappointment and must be reversed.

Similarly, the Biological Weapons Convention needs strengthening. Russia can help by taking special measures to demonstrate that it has stopped its biological weapons program.

The end of superpower confrontation has brought new challenges, requiring effective multilateral action. The members of the UN Security Council are now able to agree on measures to deal with international crises.

The break-up of the old order in Central and Eastern Europe has brought the promise of freedom, but also the disillusionment of economic pain and ethnic conflict.

As Prime Minister Mulroney has said, "The birth of newly independent states will be a tragedy and not a triumph if hatred is their only *raison d'être*, if minorities are singled out for abuse, if economies flounder and people starve and perish for lack of food and medicine, and if wars are started to settle old scores and establish new borders."

The cascading violence in the Balkans, Central Asia and the Transcaucasus now threatens Russia itself.

The international community needs more effective tools to deter such crises, including preventive diplomacy, mediation and judicial recourse. Sometimes, however, enforcement is the only effective response.

The new doctrines of humanitarian intervention and peacemaking are global in scope. The whole concept of national sovereignty is being rethought as we move into the post-statist world. Ethnic minorities deserve the protection of the international community.

Human rights are a cardinal value underpinning Canada's foreign policy. We fought for them during the Cold War not out of ideological hostility, but because they are basic human requirements. The substance of our relations is influenced by how governments treat their people.

The tension has been broken between international vigilance over human rights and objections on grounds of non-interference in the internal affairs of states. The irreversible shift toward human rights is one of the great transformations of our time.