

was a revolution in eastern Europe. We feel that the present year is the year of a challenge. How can we accomplish the transition from one regime to another, which was symbolized by a repression, but also was a symbol of stability? How can we move to liberty and justice while assuring the necessary stability? These are questions which we will have to deal with even though this may not be the primordial question for populations which aspire to well-being.

The dramatic events and the revolution of a certain regime in a part of Europe cannot pass unnoticed in another part of Europe. Even if it wanted to do that, the speed of changes which have taken place should not incite us to be precipitous in our actions when it comes to building a new European order. Quite to the contrary, if we want to have coherent, stable, endurable structures, we must proceed certainly with dispatch but also calmly.

The time is now ripe in order to build in Europe an order of a higher quality; higher than the one which has characterized earlier Europe. In political terms we can create a space which would be governed by the basic concept of human rights where there would be free movement of ideas and people. It is not a question of establishing a homogeneous political regime but to put an end to ideological antagonisms which often prevented the realization of mankind.

Economically we have to create an area for human wellbeing, and the objective should be to leave it up to each country and each nation to choose freely their political and economic structures.

When it comes to security, I think it is possible now to build a Europe which would have more security from minimum military potential and confidence, and also we should count on a synergistic effect among these different levels, and profit from a positive dynamic progress.

In the interests of stability and security for all of us, the definition of new structures in Europe should be within the framework of institutions and with due respect for existing treaties.

I should like to mention here, first of all, NATO and CEE. However, we must see to it that no new injustices or instabilities are established which would result in a new equilibrium containing the germs of discord.

Mr. Chairman, we are now living truly dramatic hours as has been properly mentioned earlier. And also our objective is to conclude our negotiations in a few weeks and have a proper Open Skies regime. I am convinced that all the delegations are of a desire to proceed with this pact so that we could live up to the task which we have assigned ourselves.