

particular, we hope Israel will find it possible to take a much less uncompromising position on the future of the occupied territories, as well as in its dealings with the inhabitants of those territories, so that there will be some incentive for them to join the peace process.

For their part, Arab governments and Palestinian leaders should understand the basis for Israel's fears about its long-term security, despite its present military predominance. They must make it unmistakably clear that, as part of a just settlement assuring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, they would agree to genuine and lasting peace with Israel. As Canadians, we should do our best to persuade the parties to move in the direction of real mutual accommodation and to make much greater efforts to understand the fears and preoccupations of the other side. Only on expanded mutual understanding can peace eventually be built.