

say "mission accomplished" after so many years of serving there? A whole generation thinks that the presence of peacekeepers is normal.

More importantly, when we consider the lack of any real change in Cyprus, is it not time to do some real soul-searching?

When I was in Cyprus, I made it clear that Canada would review its commitment of peacekeepers. This issue is still under active review. Our soldiers have brought a measure of order and a kind of peace, but surely this approach is inadequate. Until we begin dealing with the fundamental causes of conflicts, we will succeed only in creating an illusion of peace.

Finding new ways of resolving conflicts is only one of the new challenges facing the modern definition of peacekeeping. Another complicating factor is the fact that international intervention often spills over into areas normally considered off limits for reasons of national sovereignty.

Tension and conflict often arise from human rights violations, the persecution of minorities or political repression, which may be accompanied by economic deprivation. Too often, these violations have occurred under the cover of national sovereignty.

How many men, women and children have become victims of all manner of brutality, racism and discrimination because the shield of national sovereignty was raised before the international community? Now that the Iron Curtain and the Berlin Wall have fallen, is it not time to respect human dignity as much as, if not more than national sovereignty?

Now that we recognize the interdependence of our economies, our environment, our markets and our culture, is it not time to recognize that our freedoms, our rights and our security are increasingly dependent on the freedoms, rights and security of the rest of the world's people? Is it also not time to realize that until the security of the individual is guaranteed, collective security is at risk as well?

In short, the era of total sovereignty is ending. Increasingly the world is realizing that the peaceful co-existence of nations is strongly influenced by the internal structure of their societies. We must therefore find new ways of transcending borders, which themselves are often causes of internal conflict.

One of the measures, adopted at the request of the Secretary-General, is the strengthening of regional organizations in order to support the United Nations. The London Conference clearly illustrates the way in which regional organizations, such as NATO and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), can work with the United Nations to increase its effectiveness.