

Throughout that remarkable career, he has won respect as a modern European with a wide world perspective. Earlier this month, he was in Moscow for a meeting of the Joint Economic Commission established between the Soviet Union and the European Community. And yesterday, he was in Washington where he attended a major policy seminar on international financial institutions following an important address at Harvard University. His visit here today is his first to Ottawa, though not to Canada.

Mr. Andriessen, it is a great honour to have someone of your experience, perspective and responsibility with us, and we look forward with great interest to your remarks today.