

Minister Gromyko. We must hope that this event will open a new door to genuine negotiations on the reduction of all nuclear weapons and on the prevention of the weaponization of space.

The third Review Conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty will be held in September. This conference cannot be allowed to fail if we are to ensure that the spread of nuclear weapons does not extend horizontally to other nations. In recognition of the importance of non-proliferation and the upcoming Review Conference the United States and the Soviet Union have just announced that they will hold regular semi-annual talks on nuclear non-proliferation. This agreement formalizes what has been an informal practise since 1982. Canada recently had bilateral consultations with the Soviet Union during which the the NPT Review Conference was discussed at length. We will be taking up this issue again with the Soviets in the Spring.

NATO, under the new leadership of Lord Carrington, will doubtless take note of the new, important document "Managing East-West Conflict," issued by the Aspen Institute and signed by two dozen distinguished world citizens and former leaders. Holding that only the consistent application of will and courage can enable East and West to gain true security, the Aspen Report says: "...the search for positive alternatives to deterrence should continue, hand in hand with attempts to strengthen and stabilize deterrence."

Canada will continue to press for realistic steps to enhance security in the many diverse forums that are open to us. In this exercise of Canadian political will, it is my