

Whether in the Arctic, the Gulf, the CSCE, the United Nations or through bilateral co-operation and trade, the horizons of the Canada-Soviet relationship are limitless. The benefits to both our nations can be substantial. The political will is present. The commitment is strong.

The Soviet Union is at a profoundly important point. That point can be a turning point or a breaking point. Opportunity is present, but so too is danger. It is Canada's profound interest that opportunity become accomplishment, that the society there survives and thrives so that it can become the positive force its potential portrays. Canada will act -- as it can and as it must -- to encourage reform that works, reform that rewards. On that foundation we will build a relationship that will flourish, a relationship devoted to peace, predicated on democracy and dedicated to prosperity. That is our commitment. Let us make it our destiny.