

## CANADA'S ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

In opening this series of talks on Canada's role in the International Year of Peace, I wish to thank the government of the Soviet Union for receiving me. I have come to Moscow to follow the initiative of Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Hon. Joe Clark, who himself visited the Soviet Union last year, affirming the importance of inter-governmental visits. In Moscow, Mr. Clark stated:

"... even where differences exist, consensus can be built upon a foundation of mutual understanding and areas of common purpose."

This theme was also emphasized during the very welcome visit to Ottawa of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Edouard Shevardnadze. Thus, our two countries are moving forward in contributing to increased political confidence between East and West based on dialogue, restraint and exchanges. In this way we are contributing to enlarged understanding that authentic security is multi-dimensional and indivisible; security today is measured in political, economic and cultural terms as well as military.

All of us recognize that the journey to full understanding of the planet as common ground is a long one. That is undoubtedly the reason why the United Nations, in its consensus resolution a few days ago thanking governments and the public for participating in the 1986 International Year of