

The recent Minsk Summit showed once again that Russia, as the accepted nuclear weapons state, has the major responsibility in ensuring the secure command and control of those weapons within the FSU.

This is not to say that Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus are off the hook. We have stressed that they must abide by their commitments to ratify START I and adhere to the NPT as non-nuclear weapons states.

Russia can ease the process by responding to the legitimate security concerns of its neighbours. Confidence-building is a co-operative effort, requiring a sustained commitment by all four nuclear successor states.

The NPT must be strengthened and extended indefinitely at the 1995 Review Conference. We call upon India, Pakistan, Israel and other threshold countries to mark the occasion by becoming parties to the NPT.

The International Atomic Energy Agency must be given the mandate and the resources to stop nuclear cheating. Iraq is a powerful argument in favour of surprise inspections -- anytime, anyplace.

Prime Minister Mulroney has made it clear that as part of an effective international program, Canada would be prepared to terminate economic co-operation programs, including aid and tariff preferences, with any country that undermines the NPT through action or inaction.

The key is effective internationalism. It is in the interest of all our countries to act together -- and strongly -- to eliminate the nuclear threat.

Controls must also be tightened on the export of sensitive technologies. We are concerned about the transfer of nuclear and missile technology and equipment to states whose commitment to non-proliferation is ambiguous.

We must work toward alternative scenarios where prosperity can be achieved without such transactions. Russia has undertaken to follow the guidelines of the Missile Technology Control Regime, and belongs in the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

We understand the economic pressures driving your scientists to leave, but the sale of nuclear brain-power to pariah states must be prevented for all our sakes. We regard nuclear co-operation as a priority and we have backed that up with action by being part of the Moscow International Technology Centre.