

more unfortunately, all too few nations are convinced of the irreversible holocaust that will surely follow the irresponsible spread and employment of nuclear weapons. One of our priorities in the immediate future must be to devise and implement techniques that will permit the broad application of nuclear benefits to all nations, while at the same time eliminating the likelihood of weapons proliferation. I implore the General Secretary of the Soviet Union and the President of the United States to continue to work with all urgency toward the conclusion of SALT II and then to commence at an early date SALT III. I invite those of us who maintain forces in Central Europe now to focus our attention on MBFR. I express Canada's continued devotion to it and to the work begun at the recent meeting of nuclear suppliers.

Canada has joined fully in this conference exercise, as it is committed to participate fully in the activities to follow. Though separated from Europe by the breadth of an ocean, Canadians are deeply conscious that the fortunes of this continent have moulded our fate through history and that events here will continue to influence us in the future. Certainly, any breakdown in European security would have the gravest consequences in Canada. For this reason, we have been dedicated participants in this conference from which we see emerging a new European spirit of confidence and co-operation.

It is clear that this gathering in this beautiful city is far from a finality. Though we have come far, we have a considerable distance still to travel. We have learnt that our nations share much in common with one another, but nothing more basic or more widespread than a desire for peace and liberty. We have understood, too, that truth is not singular; in a modern world it embraces a plurality of beliefs, ideals and systems. And we have found that our two paramount goals of security and co-operation are mutually reinforcing and are also related to the world beyond this continent.

These are the lessons of Helsinki, which I am confident will give us the wisdom to tackle with success the problems that still remain.

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