

Minister Anderson will speak to you tomorrow about the challenges we now face on climate change: the prospects for success at COP VI.bis in July are not bright. And there will inevitably be an expectation, given the concurrence of the COP VI and Summit dates, that the discussions in Genova will somehow help to clarify where we go next.

There is another ongoing crisis that will also occupy Leaders' attention - HIV/AIDS. We expect that a key element of the discussion on poverty reduction at the Summit this year will be on the establishment of an global health fund for HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. Canada will make an announcement of a major financial commitment to this initiative at some point prior to, or at, the Summit.