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## Prime Minister Comments on Historic Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Agreement



*Oval Office Deliberation — President Reagan (left) and General Secretary Gorbachev discuss issues of current interest to their countries during a private conference in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. This was one of several meetings between the two leaders attended only by their interpreters.* US Information Agency

*Following the signing of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Agreement on December 8, 1987, the Prime Minister issued the following press release.*

"On Tuesday, December 8, President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev signed an historic agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles. I am sure that all Canadians applaud this treaty as a pragmatic step towards a better and safer world. It is a celebration of common sense over adversity.

the nuclear age, a whole class of super-power weapons will not be merely limited, but eliminated completely.

President Reagan can justifiably claim great success. It was he who provided the vision in his zero option proposal of 1981. It was he who held firm against those who wanted to freeze these weapons at levels still threatening to the West. It is he who has had the courage to distinguish between firmness and intransigence.

However, we must not hesitate to give Mr. Gorbachev his full share of the credit. It took a new kind of Soviet leader to undo his predecessors' decision to introduce those missiles in the

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