around the table with 49 governments in any organization, you are going to have countries with problems. ... Certain countries are for elections only when they can win them, and when they lose them they get back the power using arms. It's still happening," an official said.

Chretien will use the meeting to try to persuade countries like Vietnam, Cambodia, and Egypt to sign the new Ottawa-sponsored treaty banning land mines, while Frenette will lobby to affirm Moncton will be the site of the next summit.

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