

The old NATO was based largely on a stark military mission. The new NATO will be based on a definition of security which goes beyond arms to the psychology and politics of security relations. NATO's long-term relevance will hinge on its ability to supplement its military role with a political mission.

Stability also requires that we use existing institutions with a comprehensive membership to lay the framework for political and economic co-operation across Europe. I refer here in particular to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, whose past accomplishments have helped emboldened the peoples of the East to action, and whose role in the future can be even greater in uniting North America with Europe - East and West - in the pursuit of common goals and shared values. Ways must be found to further institutionalize, politicize and broaden the role of the CSCE in a new Europe. CSCE must become the drafting board for the new European architecture.

I would like to speak briefly about the re-unification of Germany. The division of Germany has been at the core of the division of Europe. As long as Germany remains divided, Europe too will remain divided. A united, free Germany holds the key to a united, free Europe.

Canada, along with NATO, has always supported the peaceful re-unification of Germany. We do so today. Accomplished peacefully, democratically, and in full accordance with the principles of the Helsinki Final Act, a united Germany can be a force for peace and prosperity throughout Europe.

But the very enormity of the opportunity mandates proceeding with great care. A successful re-unification process will hinge on the degree to which the leadership of the two Germanies approach their future with this in mind. We have been greatly encouraged by Chancellor Kohl's statesmanlike response to this challenge.

Some may wonder what Canada's particular interest is in all this. They may believe that our geography puts us away from the action. That we have outgrown Europe. That our future is on this continent - or perhaps in Asia - that it is no longer in Europe.

We reject that hypothesis completely. In a profound way, Canada is a European nation. Our two founding peoples are rooted there and millions of other Canadians owe their origins to the great cultures of Europe.

Our values are, historically, European values. The triumphs and travails of the human spirit there are our own.

Our economic prosperity is based on a global economic system which requires peace for prosperity. Threats to that peace are threats to our prosperity.