

The Ministers underlined similarity between the ideas, approaches and specific proposals of the U.S.S.R. and Canada towards the creation of instruments to promote security, co-operation and mutual confidence in the Asia-Pacific region. The Ministers agreed that regional security arrangements could prove to be useful counterparts to growing economic and political co-operation in the region.

They also agreed that discussions on Pacific security questions appropriate to the requirements of that region should be held with other states in the area and agreed to co-operate to promote meetings for that purpose.

The Ministers emphasized that the Conference on Security and Co-operation (CSCE) in Europe would enter a new and more expansive phase with the Paris Summit of the leaders of the 34 countries of Europe and North America. Both sides expressed their view that there is a need to hold follow-up CFE Talks (Negotiation on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe) immediately following the Paris CSCE Summit Meeting. The two Ministers agreed to work together during the construction of the new institutions of the CSCE to ensure their practical impact on the promotion of full peace and security for all participating countries.

The Ministers recognized the value of vigorous Canadian and Soviet participation in the development and activity of these institutions, thereby providing a scope of co-operative security extending truly from Vancouver to Vladivostok.

The Ministers agreed to stay in close touch on these and other security issues as matters develop and to broaden and intensify the co-operation between their governments in the interests of peace and security.

Both sides believe that the spirit of understanding and mutual confidence in which discussions were held is testimony to the new quality of Soviet-Canadian political dialogue and is a good basis for active co-operation between the U.S.S.R. and Canada in international affairs.