

We must reinforce the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. We must attract to it those countries that have refused to sign it. We must ensure that the Treaty is indefinitely extended in 1995. We urge the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries to sign the Treaty as non-nuclear weapons states.

Equally important, we must support and work with nuclear scientists and engineers in the CIS states to enable them to turn their full talents and energies to the pursuit of peaceful scientific endeavours. This is why Canada welcomed the establishment of the International Science and Technology Centre in Moscow and will support it financially and participate fully in its work.

At Prague we adopted a Declaration on Non-Proliferation and Arms Transfers. CSCE countries have a responsibility to deal with this issue. Indeed, it is only through global and regional co-operation that we can deal with it.

CSCE countries should reaffirm their leadership in support of the UN's Arms Transfer register, fully comply with its reporting provisions and encourage the widest possible adherence to this new transparency and confidence-building measure.

My delegation will follow up on the commitment we made in the Prague declaration to include non-proliferation and arms transfers in the CSCE's post-Helsinki agenda.

CSCE: The Next Phase

We have a challenging task ahead of us. As we move forward, we must not forget that the CSCE exists in a broader global context. Our work should, at all times, complement the work of others -- especially our other common institution, the United Nations -- and be more invigorated and more effective than ever before. If it is to be relevant, it must take account of the larger, non-CSCE world. We should focus on consolidation and implementation of what we have already achieved.

Our Heads of State and Government will meet in July to set out the CSCE's direction and agenda for the coming years. There are some who say the task is daunting because we don't know what Europe will look like in a few years.

Of course we don't, we are not fortunetellers. But I believe, if we do it right, if we are faithful to the commitments we have solemnly undertaken in the CSCE, we will succeed in building a transatlantic/pan-Eurasian community that, in practice and in spirit, reflects the principles first established here in Helsinki 17 years ago.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, now, as then, we are grateful to Finland for its hospitality and warm welcome.