

These meetings, which have ranged from formal conferences to small working groups of like-minded states, have produced a widespread understanding of the range of implications involved in each issue.

I believe that there is a general political will to come to acceptable conclusions, based on a recognition of the importance of success and on the unacceptable risks and dangers of failure.

The Canadian delegation will take a prominent part in working for the success of the conference, as Canada has done at the many preparatory meetings. A great deal is at stake for Canada's future. But perhaps as important is the role of the conference as a demonstration that states have understood the facts of interdependence, not only for the admittedly important reasons of national security and economic well-being but for the overriding requirement of co-operation for our survival on this planet.

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