

TO TRAVEL WHEN AND WHERE THEY WISH.

FROM MOST OF OUR COUNTRIES, IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN AN ENORMOUS INCREASE IN BOTH BUSINESS AND PERSONAL TRAVEL. TOURISM IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAS BECOME ACCESSIBLE TO MANY MORE PEOPLE, AND LARGE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TRAVEL INDEPENDENTLY ON THE MOST MODEST MEANS. HUMAN CONTACTS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA HAVE BECOME SO BROAD, SO EXTENSIVE, SO CONSTANT THAT THE TRAGIC WARS FOUGHT IN EUROPE BY THEIR GRANDFATHERS AND FATHERS NOW SEEM INCOMPREHENSIBLE. A REPETITION OF THOSE FOLLIES BY FORMER ENEMIES IS NOW INCONCEIVABLE. THAT STATE OF AFFAIRS MUST BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE ALL OF EUROPE. INDEED, I WOULD GO SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF OUTMODED BARRIERS TO HUMAN CONTACTS IS IN ITSELF AN OBSTACLE TO GENUINE PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPE OF TODAY.

IT IS THEREFORE DOUBLY UNFORTUNATE THAT SOME OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO FOLLOW COMMON INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND THE INTENT OF INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS; THEY HAVE NOT ONLY MAINTAINED CONTROLS ON THE EXIT OF PERSONS FROM THEIR TERRITORIES, BUT IN SOME CASES HAVE ALSO APPLIED VERY RESTRICTIVE POLICIES TO THE GRANTING OF PERMISSION TO THEIR CITIZENS TO VISIT ABROAD AND TO EMIGRATE, EVEN IN THE CONTEXT OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION. WHILE WE HAVE SOUGHT TO RESPECT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF THESE STATES TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN LAWS AFFECTING THE MOVEMENT OF THEIR CITIZENS, WE HAVE NOT DISGUISED OUR CONCERN FOR THEIR NEGATIVE EFFECT ON SOME CANADIAN FAMILIES WITH RELATIVES IN THOSE STATES, ON COMMUNICATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, AND ON THE PERCEPTIONS HELD BY CANADIANS OF THE WILLINGNESS OF THESE STATES TO ABIDE BY INTERNATIONAL