

THE TWO SUPERPOWERS HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, LONG RECOGNIZED THE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES THAT NUCLEAR WAR WOULD HAVE FOR ALL HUMANITY; THIS RECOGNITION IS ALSO REFLECTED IN THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF USSOD I, AND HAS BEEN GIVEN ADDITIONAL POIGNANCY BY SCIENTIFICALLY-BASED SCENARIOS OF NUCLEAR WINTER AFFECTING THE ENTIRE PLANET.

I HAVE SPOKEN OF THE COMMONALITY OF OUR INTERESTS. IN THE COURSE OF OUR DELIBERATIONS, WE WILL BE SETTING OUT, IN DETAIL, CANADIAN VIEWS ON ISSUES ON OUR AGENDA. IN THE MEANTIME I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE A TRIAD OF MEASURES DEALING WITH NUCLEAR ISSUES THAT WOULD OFFER HOPE:

-- FIRST, WE CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE, UNCONDITIONAL RESUMPTION OF TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. WE WELCOME RECENT MOVES ALREADY TAKEN TO RESUME THIS DIALOGUE, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO SECURITY. IT IS ONLY AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED.

-- SECOND, WE CALL FOR RENEWED COMMITMENT TO NON-PROLIFERATION. THE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO WILL ARISE AT THE THIRD NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE IN 1985.

-- THIRD, WE CALL FOR PRACTICAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN TOWARD A NUCLEAR TEST BAN: THIS IS AN UNWAVERING OBJECTIVE OF SUCCESSIVE CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS, AND IN THIS WE JOIN WITH MANY OTHERS.

THERE ARE TWO OTHER VITAL AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST.

- WE CALL FOR URGENT EFFORTS TOWARDS PREVENTING AN ARMS RACE IN OUTER SPACE. THIS IS ONE OF CANADA'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES. WE THEREFORE WELCOME THE PROSPECT OF TALKS BETWEEN THE USA AND THE SOVIET UNION. WE SHOULD ALL GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO GETTING THESE TALKS STARTED.

- WE ALSO CALL FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THE TRAGIC EVIDENCE OF RECENT USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS SHOWS THAT EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LAW IS NOT ENOUGH. THE USA DRAFT TREATY ON THIS SUBJECT IS A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ACHIEVING A COMPREHENSIVE BAN.

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THESE ARE STEPS, MR. CHAIRMAN, WHICH MUST NECESSARILY BE PART OF ANY GRAND DESIGN OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT. THERE ARE OTHER PRACTICAL STEPS THAT WE CAN TAKE TO TRANSLATE WORDS FROM PRINCIPLE TO ACTION. I WILL MENTION A FEW MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN.

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