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This activity shows that Canada -- as well as other nations -- is not indifferent or impotent in building a safer world. There is still much to do in the international arena and Canada pledges, once again, to do everything in our power to strengthen the international machinery of peace.

This world-wide activity must reinforce the efforts of the superpowers to find bilateral agreements. Although 86 percent of the people of the world do not live in the United States or the Soviet Union, we are all caught up in the fall-out from this relationship of the two great superpowers who together possess more than 95 percent of the more than 50,000 nuclear weapons in the world. Their relationship, as is obvious, affects everyone. It is in the interests of everyone