

of living, and securing democracy and human values.

Strengthening Co-operative Security

The Gulf War, the conflict in Yugoslavia and recent developments in the U.S.S.R. show how fragile international peace and stability are and how suddenly they can give way to instability and confrontation. Security remains a vital priority for Canadian foreign policy, particularly the establishment of a more co-operative world order based on the rule of law. Specifically, Canada's foreign policy will seek to:

- ▶ improve controls on the spread of instruments of war and weapons of mass destruction;
- ▶ expand national and multinational capabilities to deal with non-military threats to security including environmental degradation, drug trafficking, terrorism and irregular migration;
- ▶ improve the United Nations' ability to maintain peace and security, and expand peacekeeping operations to include functions such as electoral supervision, democratic development and refugee protection; and
- ▶ offer official development assistance to reduce poverty, enhance human rights and, in turn, build stable political entities.

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Sustaining a High Standard of Living

Canada is a high-wage and high-cost country. We can sustain our high standard of living only if we continue to improve our productivity and the skills of our labour force, if we can offer an attractive environment for industries of the future, and if we secure access to major international markets for our