An increasingly significant role

Traditionally, Canada has contributed to and benefited from its NATO association in the variety of ways outlined. Apart from this, Canada's NATO membership can play an increasingly significant role in strengthening relations with the countries of Western Europe as they develop their political and economic unity through the EEC. The European members of NATO attach importance to the Alliance as the quarantor of their security and Canada's active participation in the political and military activities of NATO will, it is hoped, have a positive impact as our relations with the new Europe develop.