
THE PROTECTION OF OUR SECURITY, WITHIN A STABLE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK

Protecting security has become more complex as our understanding of the challenges has expanded. Security must take into account that our prosperity is harmed by instability and that helping others build peace reflects some of the most deeply held, widely shared Canadian values. It is essential that, within our means, we have a **global policy**.

Security challenges are posed by military threats, but also by global issues. Some global issues directly affect us, some produce crises with effects felt in Canada, and others affect our economic security as our labour or other standards are undercut. We must marshal all our foreign policy instruments, and promote international cooperation, to better ensure that, in addition to the security of countries, the economic, social and political security of the individual is also protected.

The instruments for building security should stress conflict prevention, including through sustainable development. Institutions must be helped to take on new roles in support of peace. We must be tough-minded in our approach, however - institutions must produce results consistent with the three main objectives set out in the Statement:

- At the global level, the Government will **help the UN work better**. At the General Assembly, we put forward measures to make the organization more effective. Canada is, among other initiatives, leading an international study which will propose options for a UN rapid reaction capability.
- Canada is fully engaged regionally. **Regional organizations** can help relieve pressure on the UN in peacekeeping, and have comparative advantages in their own areas.

In our hemisphere:

- the defence relationship with the **US** is fundamental: we look forward to North American Aerospace Defence (NORAD) Agreement renewal in 1996.
- In the **Arctic**, our new Circumpolar Ambassador will increase the focus on non-traditional threats.
- We are working in the **Organization of American States (OAS)** to develop frameworks for conflict prevention.