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**PREFACE:**  
**FOREIGN POLICY BY CANADIANS**

*A new and broader process for foreign policy formulation.*

Ensuring Canada's success as a society in a changing world must be a shared enterprise. The future of each one of us depends on it. That is why the Government is pledged to an open foreign policy process.

We have delivered on that pledge in a number of ways.

First, by strengthening Parliament's role.

- In the past year, the Government initiated several special parliamentary debates on critical issues such as peacekeeping in Bosnia and cruise-missile testing in Canada.
- The Government also asked a Special Joint Parliamentary Committee to seek the views of Canadians and to report on the principles and priorities that should guide foreign policy. The Committee held over 70 meetings, received over 550 briefs, heard from over 500 witnesses, and commissioned several studies from experts. It tabled its comprehensive report in November 1994, along with valuable background material.
- The Government commends the Members of the Senate and of the House of Commons who sat on the Committee. They conducted their work with openness, diligence and integrity. The Government also thanks the many individuals and groups who met with the Committee, who made submissions, and who participated in the challenge of reviewing our foreign policy.
- In reviewing Canadian foreign policy, the Government was also mindful of the recommendations of the Special Joint Parliamentary Committee on Canada's Defence Policy.

Canadians volunteered ideas and proposals on foreign policy throughout 1994, many making outstanding contributions to the review process. The Government has also met, and continues to meet, with Canadians of all backgrounds and from all regions to seek their views on specific questions - on aid, trade, human rights, the international environmental agenda and nuclear non-proliferation. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of International Trade have each met with groups of Canadians for these purposes in recent months.

Together with the Minister of National Defence, they sponsored a National Forum on Canada's International Relations in March 1994 at which over a hundred individuals, from across the country and with a