

- We operate in changed international circumstances, with different geo-strategic circumstances, new organizations and instruments (WTO, G8, G-20 Internet) and a different context (civil society, globalization).
 - We face special challenges ahead, such as a heavy Summit schedule, important negotiations and conferences, and a new situation in North America.
 - And there are related policy review processes underway in Defence Policy and ODA Policy.
- That is why the Minister and the Prime Minister have decided that we should conduct a Foreign Policy update in the coming months, an exercise on which we briefed Cabinet a week ago and which we launched last Friday.
- This is going to be an update not a full review.
 - It will be conducted in step with DND and CIDA and the other departments concerned.