

Institutions like NATO and the CSCE need to be reformed and adapted to the needs of this changing world. Intervention is required to assist the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and to make their transition to a market economy a successful one. This is a task essential to the stability of the Old Continent. Finally, we must exercise constant vigilance to prevent conflict and maintain peace.

No effort must be spared to break down barriers and promote openness among the American, European and Asian economic units now taking shape.

Because Europe's geographic, social and economic borders are changing, we must examine our links in more detail. Let us think in terms of necessities rather than possibilities.

However, in a world that is constantly changing, the only certainty we share is the certainty that no nation can isolate itself. Canada and Europe cannot allow themselves to put aside such a long and fruitful tradition of co-operation. Europe remains central to Canada's foreign policy.