



Epilogue

In his preface to the first issue of *International Perspectives* in 1972, my predecessor of the day, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, wrote: "The journal is an experiment . . . with risks".

International Perspectives has in fact been that and much more. It has provided a forum for the expression of a great variety of individual viewpoints. It has stimulated informed debate on Canada's foreign policy and public interest in international affairs.

Today, the Department of External Affairs says farewell to *International Perspectives*. After eight years of publication, first under Murray Goldblatt, E. R. Bellemare and Pierre Ducharme, then under Alex Inglis and Louis Balthazar, we relinquish the journal in anticipation of a private sector venture.

To the readers as well as to the editors and contributors to *International Perspectives*, thank you for your past support. We look with confidence to new ventures.

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