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Africa National Forum participants, as well as others, are invited to share comments and suggestions. As well, we welcome your project proposals for the ongoing development of Canada's foreign policy. Our project fund is available to support such projects. For details, see our website: www.cfp-pec.gc.ca. Your participation in policy development is most welcome. Public contributions and partnerships in foreign policy have taken on new importance in the past year as Canada faces new challenges and uncertainties in the international environment. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Steve Lee
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