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Published quarterly, **Canada World View** provides an overview of current foreign policy issues and Canada's perspective on them. It also updates readers on Canadian initiatives, responses and contributions in the field of international affairs.

OUR COVER

A young boy gazes toward the hills surrounding Kabul, Afghanistan. According to a UNICEF study, 90 percent of the country's children are afraid of dying in the ongoing civil war.

Youth: The **new voice** in Canadian foreign policy

In the last 100 years, humankind has made astonishing progress in science, technology, public health, education, economic conditions and general welfare. But on the darker side, wars are still raging, helpless people are dying, entire populations are being displaced by force, the nuclear threat is ever-present, terrorism is an ongoing plague, crime has become transnational and hundreds of millions of people the world over live in abject poverty.

Enormous efforts are still required to make the world a better, safer place to live in. Canada's human security approach to foreign policy is contributing to the efforts, helping to bring about a more peaceful world. And key to this endeavour are Canadian youth, who are making their voices heard in the development of foreign policy.

In this issue of *Canada World View*, we examine the role of youth in Canada's international relations. Never before have there been so many mechanisms to consult young people and involve them in concrete action against the new, globalized threats to human security.

In today's brave new world, it would be a grave error not to take into account the perspective of youth on global issues. That is why the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy listen so carefully to the views of young Canadians. We hope you enjoy reading about this and other topics in this issue of *Canada World View*.

The Editors

To learn more about the human security concept, see last fall's Special Edition entitled "Human Security: Putting People First" or visit the following Web site:
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