

For decades, Canada has been preoccupied with building an Atlantic Community of nations. That community has been built. It has served us well. And it will continue to be of lasting value into the future. Now is the time to turn to the task of giving structure and strength to a new community, a Pacific Community. A community which is Pacific not only in its geography but in its behaviour. A community which advances Canada's interests, preserves our peace and promotes our prosperity.

That is a central task for the future foreign policy of this country. And with the help of all Canadians, we intend to pursue it with vigour and with imagination.