

In the Throne Speech will be announced the details of a comprehensive foreign policy review that will allow maximum possible public participation in the setting of all of our foreign policy goals. We don't intend to stop conducting or stop conceiving foreign policy during the process of the review but we do intend to open up a process that affects the expression of Canadian interests to all the people of the country.

Canadians have a lot to be proud of. We have things to say, accomplishments to boast of and experiences of our own that the world would like to hear. We have our own set of priorities, our own national purpose, our own vision of what the world should be, and our own values. Here lies the best answer to those who are concerned about our future as a distinctive nation on this continent. Our Canadianness depends not on the quality of our fences, but on our eagerness to get out and compete and participate on the world stage. I think it makes a great deal of sense to start next door.