

are the norm, we must develop a flexible and effective mechanism. That is what we have done, Mr. Speaker, and I am proud of our accomplishment.

The Government will not waste any time in tabling its own report on its foreign policy early next year. We are eager to study the committee's recommendations in order to develop the broad outlines of our foreign policy.

While we are engaged in our foreign policy review, we cannot ignore our international responsibilities. We must at the same time both act on the world stage and review those actions. This year, five major multilateral meetings involving the participation of the Prime Minister offer us the chance to put our ideas to work. I am referring to the recent NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] summit in January, the annual summit of the G7 [Group of Seven leading industrialized countries] in July, that of APEC [Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation] in November, and finally those of the OAS [Organization of American States] and the CSCE [Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe] in December. We will accordingly be very visible on the international scene in the coming months. We must seize the opportunity to make our views and interests known at these gatherings.

This government was elected with a mandate for renewal: of our economy, our society, our political integrity and our confidence in the future. We have already begun the hard work, and we know much more will have to be done. The obstacles are many, but our duty to move forward is clear.

Many of our most difficult challenges and hardest choices must be faced here, at home. As we said in the Red Book, "Finding jobs, protecting the environment, enhancing national unity, providing political security and enriching the cultural identity of Canadians are all goals inextricably linked to how Canada acts in the global arena."

The international community faces difficult problems, and answers will require a concerted effort by countries working together in common. Whether we talk of the economy, of international security, or of respect for international law, no nation can stand alone. We face common burdens, and share links that cannot be severed.

The Government knows the task of national renewal is a difficult one. But we also know our well-being as a country depends on a stable international environment that enables us to prosper. As the Prime Minister stated in our Red Book, "The key to our success as a nation has been our ability to face change, adapt to it, and prevail. That will be the key to our future."