
standing our differing views in some respects, the importance of finding accommodation in order to permit orderly processes to regulate all maritime activity.

It is in large measure to overcome that insidious indifference that I am here. My visit to Japan is not made as part of a tour of several countries. I am not dropping off here *en route* to or from some other state. I have come to Japan directly from Canada. My Government attaches singular importance to Japan and to the Japanese-Canadian relationship.

For that reason, I am very happy that this past week our two countries signed a "Framework for Economic Co-operation". This event marked the successful conclusion of a negotiation that commenced in 1974 and that in some measure reflects a similar negotiation Canada recently concluded with the European Community. The Framework Document sets out agreed objectives and undertakings by both Canada and Japan designed to facilitate co-operation across a range of economic sectors. I am confident that this new chapter of our economic history will demonstrate increasingly the mutual benefit of our partnership.

Canada, I suggest, has much to attract you. It is the only industrialized country in the world that has concluded an economic agreement with the European Community. Canada is the only country in the world that sells more than \$20-billion worth of goods annually to the United States, the greater part of them either processed or fully finished. Canada was the first country in the world to design, manufacture and employ a domestic-communications satellite. Canada was the first country to design, manufacture and employ a heavy-water nuclear-reactor system; in terms of reliability, efficiency and adaptability, the CANDU has proved itself superior to all other systems. Canada is the world's leader in the design and manufacture of STOL aircraft systems. As an economic partner, Canada has proved to many its sophistication and quality. I have no doubt that Japan, increasingly, will find this to be the case.

Pleased as I am with the accomplishment of the Framework Agreement and with the promising potential of our trade and investment patterns, I am nevertheless even more excited with the other dimensions of our relationship -- with the cultural agreement that was signed this week, and with the increasing importance our two governments are attaching to our political consultations. Both Canada and Japan offer to the other a window into different worlds.

The perspectives that Canada gains from its membership in NATO and the Commonwealth, from its North American neighbourhood and its activities in l'Agence francophone, from its long and varied experience as a member of virtually every peacekeeping and peace-