entire complex of peace and security objectives have to be pursued at one and the same time, and the government has to do its utmost to forge its various activities into coherent policies. A vital task is to set out key objectives and to establish priorities that can be reached within a realistic time frame.

In effect Canadians are caught up in world affairs and know that they share the destiny of the human race. While they recognize that the government has particular, national objectives to pursue, such as the maintenance of national unity and protection of the country's sovereignty, they hope as well that Canadian policies will contribute to a safer and more harmonious world as well as to the promotion of immediate national goals. Canadians are fortunate that for the most part Canada's national interests co-incide with those of the wider world.

We hope that this <u>Guide</u> will provide a useful tool for tracing the development of Canadian policies on international peace and security during 1987-88 and for judging this country's performance in that period.

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