

What is emerging is a new world, which holds the promise of peace and progress through international co-operation. At the same time, it is a world where old hatreds and ethnic hostility are on the rise, where there are new threats to security (drug trafficking, terrorism and uncontrolled mass movements of people), and where disease, illiteracy, poverty and environmental problems are still to be solved.

All the communities of the world, including Canada, are experiencing the immense pressures of rapid and often unpredictable change. Managing Canada's interests effectively in such circumstances requires vision, adaptability and leadership. Above all, it requires a definition of priorities and reliance on strong national values to guide the decisions we make and the actions we take.

Priorities for Peace and Progress

Canada and Canadian foreign policy will become more focused and capable of acting more quickly in the Canadian national interest when unpredictable events occur.

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Canada will continue to act as an agent for international peace and progress. The following priorities will guide our foreign policy through the turbulent waters of the 1990s: strengthening co-operative security, sustaining a high standard