

HIGHLIGHTS

International relations are no longer the concern of governments alone, but of all Canadian men and women. The Government has kept its Red Book promise to consult Canadians and to give members of Parliament a vital role in developing our foreign policy.

Based on numerous consultations with Canadians and the report of the Joint Committee, and recognizing the need for a flexible and effective foreign policy, the Government has identified three key objectives that will guide its activities on the international scene in the years to come. These objectives are:

- to promote jobs and prosperity;
- to promote our security in a stable international framework;
- to share our values and our culture.

These objectives complement one another and reflect the Government's national priorities.

Canada is in a privileged position to influence change and to benefit from opportunities as we move toward the end of the 20th century. The Government will exercise that influence responsibly to protect and promote Canada's values and interests in the world.