

I AM GLAD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. OVER THE YEARS WE IN GOVERNMENT HAVE LEARNED TO APPRECIATE THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE THE CCICC HAS PLAYED IN PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY IN CANADA BUT INTERNATIONALLY, AS WELL, THROUGH YOUR NETWORK OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER.

YOU HAVE ASKED ME TO SPEAK TO YOU AT WHAT I THINK IS AN IMPORTANT MOMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMON INTERESTS. IN THE 1980'S THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE MIX OF ISSUES WHICH WILL CONFRONT US WILL BE EVEN MORE INTERDEPENDENT AND COMPLEX THAN TODAY. OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WILL BE EVEN MORE THE WORLD AT LARGE -- NO ONE COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO GO IT ALONE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CANADIANS, BOTH IN GOVERNMENT AND IN BUSINESS, RECOGNIZE THE CHANGING REALITIES IN THE