

# Foreword

After considering various ways of improving the Department's monthly bulletin, *External Affairs*, it became clear that something new was required, and *International Perspectives* is the result.

The change is not only of appearance and presentation. Each issue of *International Perspectives* will contain, as did its predecessor, *External Affairs*, essential material of an informative and archival kind. But each issue will also contain contributions from people who have no connection with the Department and who are expressing their own personal views on Canada's role in the world and on current international questions of interest to Canadians.

Readers will be invited to submit their own criticisms and comments on material presented, and I hope that by printing a selection of these from time to time the new publication will be able to offer a variety of views.

Appearing every second month and dealing to the extent possible with current issues, *International Perspectives* will not compete with the learned periodicals published by the universities and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

*International Perspectives* is an experiment, with all the risks that accompany experimentation. It remains to be seen if one publication can combine expressions of official and unofficial opinions with comments and criticisms from the public, comparing and contrasting the views of the practitioners and the theorists of international affairs.

Accepting this challenge, the Department is fortunate in having the services of Murray Goldblatt, formerly Ottawa Bureau Chief of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, and Pierre Ducharme, an officer in the Department, as editors.



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