FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTIONS

- Following the November elections, we have to expect more continuity than change in Canadian Foreign Policy in the coming years.
- The fundamentals of our Foreign Policy remain sound as stated in the 1995 "Canada and the World" document.
- We are committed to the three pillars of: promoting Canadian prosperity, protecting Canadian security and projecting our reality including universal values.
- But we have to anticipate and plan changes of style, emphases and accents at this time.
- There are a number of reasons for that:
 - We are at the beginning of a third mandate and we have to reflect the priorities of the Government at this juncture as stated in Red Book III and the SFT.
 - We have a minister with an agenda of his own and we must help him pursue his objectives, priorities and initiatives.