

## THE MAIN MESSAGES

- The Government is giving Parliament and Canadians a greater say in setting the course of our international relations.
- Since this is the first time we are going through such an exercise, the Government will also ask Canadians for ideas on how to improve the process of annual consultations which it is launching.
- In a world which has become so turbulent and unpredictable, we can no longer afford to wait every few years to assess how our interests and values are best served. This must be done every year.
- The ultimate goal is to maintain, if not improve, the Government's ability to defend the interests and values of Canadians in the world.