

Foreign policy and domestic policy are the two dimensions of our national policy. Talking to you today about foreign policy I have tried to show how it serves the general national interest on the one hand and the specific interests of different parts of the country and different sectors of the economy on the other. This calls at times for a skilful balancing act, it isn't always possible to advance every specific interest at the same time. Canada is divided into a number of great regions, with many international interests; its economy falls into a number of sectors that must compete for a place in the sun when tariffs and trade agreements are being negotiated. It is the special task of the Government to establish priorities and advance local interests in a manner calculated to promote the general Canadian interest. Let me assure you that, in the performance of this task, no part of Canada takes precedence. Our international dealings serve the West and the East, the Pacific Coast and the Atlantic Provinces. After all, it is only in this way that Canada can be served and will remain united.

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