

is the direct recognition of the economic interdependence of the modern world of the degree to which international economic circumstances must be faced by Canada as we make our policy in any aspect of international relations. We reached a situation today where issues that once were local have now become very much international. There was a question in the House of Commons today about beef. Beef used to be a matter that concerned my ranchers in southern Alberta. Today beef and Canadian beef policy is an international question. There has been in the House recently concern, and indeed over the last several years, concern about the rights and the equality of Indian women. That used to be a Canadian question, it has become an international question before the United Nations. Acid rain obviously is an international question, no longer just a matter of concern to people in the Muskokas. So it goes, questions that used to be local in the modern world are now very much international. WE hope by way of this policy review process to help Canadians gain that international perspective on questions which had traditionally been regarded as more local. We also hope to create and to generate a much broader understanding of the interdependence...the economic interdependence that we face. We're a new government. We were elected to bring new policies to the country. I've made it clear, as have my colleague Ministers that we intend actively to pursue and to maintain the Canadian tradition in international affairs, maintaining an active and positive presence, but we have some choices to make as a country. We have some choices to make as to where we put our emphasis, whether that's in trade or in development or in other fields. It's our view that those questions are too important just to leave to Ministers or to governments. We think