

It is my hope that the foreign policy review will contribute to making Canadians more aware of our interdependence. We do not want, nor would we be allowed if we wish to prosper, the luxury of isolation. We require instead the clear elucidation of where we are and where we want to go. We are part of the wider world, subject to its constraints and open to its opportunities. The international economy is our economy. Our security in a very real sense is everyone's security. The Green Paper that I will introduce, as a first and essential step to recognizing our interdependence, will focus on the relationships between foreign policy and economic policy and in so doing will look closely at Canada's competitiveness in the world.

Traditional foreign policy concentrations, including our relations with the countries of the Middle East, will obviously be an important part of this review. The views of respected organizations such as the Canada-Israel Committee will clearly be welcomed.

In the meantime, I and my colleagues in the government will work to strengthen the reciprocal relationship between Canada and Israel. My colleague, the Minister for Communications, the Honourable Marcel Masse will sign on March 18 on behalf of Canada an important video and film co-production agreement with Israel which will assist the film industries of both countries. Our film-makers will be able to share their talents and experiences in these unique and challenging fields.

I am also pleased to announce that negotiations will begin next month on the request by El Al to extend its services in Canada to Toronto's Pearson International Airport. If successfully concluded, this new link should open yet another part of our country to easier access by Israelis and be of convenience to Canadians from Central Canada travelling to the Holy Land.

We are also working hard at enhancing trade between Canada and Israel. Mr. Shamir and I discussed trade issues. There are obviously mutual benefits to be realized by increasing our efforts in this area. I was pleased to tell Mr. Shamir and now to inform you that the government has established a particular program for Israel, called Israel Technomart '85, under the Export '85 umbrella. It is planned, under this program to increase contact between our respective private sectors, that a Canadian trade mission will travel to Israel in June and later in the year that an Israeli delegation will come to Canada. This is an important development which will be coordinated with the provinces and which has my strong personal endorsement.

It is perhaps too much to say, given the constancy of Canadian support for Israel, that we are embarking upon a new stage